



Valentine's Day Massacre at Northern Illinois University

THE FLYER



Salisbury University's Student Voice



The end of honest representation

Vol. 35, Issue 14

February 19, 2008

Students become "Recycle Maniacs" "America's Black Patriot" showcases 17th century black slave owner

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

SU has joined more than 400 other schools from over 40 states for the intercollegiate recycling competition known as RecycleMania.

"We've already got a well established recycling program, but RecycleMania has given us a chance to get into the residence halls and really encourage recycling where it's needed," grounds and horticultural manager Rebecca Rosing-Johnson said. "Plus we get to see how we compare to other universities."

RecycleMania is a 10-week contest to see which university can reduce, reuse and recycle the most waste overall. It is divided into two divisions: those competing with their entire campus and those, like SU, using a partial population.

"We set up the divisions so that no matter how big or small the

school, they can still compete," Collegiate Programs manager for the National Recycling Coalition Alex Cooley said. "Some of the best recyclers are small schools, and by calculating it per capita, we can see which school recycles the most percentage of waste."

Each division in turn has several categories of competition including the Per Capita Classic and Waste Minimization. From those categories, RecycleMania awards a Grand Champion based on who recycles the most overall percentage of their solid waste, as well as the schools that collect the most paper, beverage containers, cardboard and food waste for recycling.

"RecycleMania is about rallying students and faculty towards recycling and waste prevention programs," Cooley said. "The winners will receive special plaques made from recycled materials and bragging rights over rival universities."

But SU students in the residence halls are competing for more than just intercollegiate bragging rights. The nine residence halls are competing against one another for "recycling points" that will count in this year's Spring Olympics. Some halls are having floor competitions, seeing who can contribute the most.

"This is all about incentives," assistant Housing and Resident Life director Byron Hughes said.

"We've put recycling bins on each floor of the buildings, and added additional bins outside. We understand that convenience is important and we're hoping to get students involved in this."

According to the Web site, by framing recycling in competitive terms, RecycleMania taps into the same intercollegiate spirit that drives sports rivalries.

[SEE RECYCLE PG 2]



Press Release photo

Horticulture and Grounds manager Rebecca Rosing-Johnson, student Aaron Riley and recycling coordinator Tara Finney get excited.

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Performer James A. Cameron came to Salisbury University last Wednesday to present "America's Black Patriot" living history program, a part of the African American History Month speaker series.

Cameron's performance depicted John Rollison, a free African American born in 1725, who was able to acquire vast amounts of wealth through self determination and hard work.

Walking onto the stage as the reenacted Rollison, Cameron was garbed in the traditional seventeenth century clothing. His riding boots, flowing black cape and tri-corner hat only helped to make this former basketball player transform



Brandon Smith photo

"America's Black Patriot," performer James A. Cameron.

into his historical counterpart.

Cameron engaged the audience in an open and frank discourse as his alter ego on subjects ranging from his acquisition of wealth to his multiple marriages. When one audience member stated he was from the future, Cameron in character replied, "You sir, are a loony."

As a free black man, Rollison himself owned nine slaves; however, when asked about his opinion on slavery he made his view on the matter clear.

"I hope that we will all one day as Americans be given our freedom. Slavery is an abomination and there will be consequences for it. As Americans it is hard for us to justify our quest for freedom while men are enslaved," Cameron said.

Out of character, at the end of his performance, Cameron talked to the audience on the historical figure, John Rollison. The dialogue, however, ranged from the influence of hip-hop on youth culture to Barack Obama's presidential run. He also shared his views on life in America from a black perspective.

When asked about the goal of his performance Cameron said that his main purpose is to educate and dispel commonly held myths about history. He wants to make people aware of a successful African American during a time period where the misconception is one of brutality and bondage.

Cameron closed the discussion on an inspirational note saying, "America is the only country in the world where, if you have an idea no one can stop you from achieving it. The only person who can stop you from being successful is yourself. We all have the capacity to be as great or as small as we choose to be."

Vagina Monologues stimulates campus

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

VAGINA... does that make you uncomfortable? It doesn't for the 19 women who served as the cast for the fifth annual "Vagina Monologues," and the over 500 people who came to see the perform-



Adrienne Price photo

Student Casey Williams performs "The Flood," one of the scenes in this year's "Vagina Monologues," held this past weekend at SU.

ance this past weekend.

"The Monologues" were put on by a cast of 19 girls, and directed by Emily Jablonski, third year performer and theater major at SU. All proceeds are donated to the Life Crisis Center of Salisbury, and since its start the show has raised over \$15,000 for the center. SGA Groups

like Amnesty International and SAGE had tables at the event along with nine different raffles and the famous vagina cookies.

"The Vagina Monologues" is not just a performance but a movement. Started by Eve Ensler in 1998, the Vagina Monologues' campaign is in its tenth year and has proclaimed it is just beginning and will not stop until violence against women stops.

The movement, called "V-Day," started when Ensler interviewed thousands of women from all different backgrounds about their vaginas and then in turn took their stories and wrote what became "The Vagina Monologues." The monologues are uplifting and can simultaneously make one feel anger, passion and joy and knock you out of your seat with laughter.

"What better to way to raise awareness than just presenting statistics? These stories are from real women," Jablonski said.

The show changes every year with at least one new monologue added and a different cause highlighted. This year the Vagina Monologues highlighted New Orleans and its

suffering since the storm. The women still struggling there have been named "Katrina Warriors."

The show at SU also added a transgender piece giving voice to those who feel trapped within their own bodies and the social stigma put upon them.

The V-day movement is held in over 40 countries and every state in the U.S., bringing the total number of events taken place to over 2700.

"In one year we raised 4 to 6 million dollars. That is the cost of 10 minutes of the war in Iraq. One out of three women on the planet will be beaten or raped. You do the math," stated Ensler in a letter addressed to all who visit the Web site.

"By raising money and consciousness, it will unify and strengthen existing anti-violence efforts. Triggering far-reaching awareness, it will lay the groundwork for new educational, protective and legislative endeavors throughout the world," said the official V-Day Web site.

At SU's Vagina Monologues the girls work hard to do just that. With

weeks of preparation and practice the girls try hard to represent their monologue in a manner that will be both entertaining and uplifting.

Every year the SU "Vagina Monologues" picks a "vagina warrior." This is usually "a person who dedicates a great amount of time to the cause," Jablonski said.

This year Sarah Wells and Mieke Gentis were honored with this title due to their dedication as performers and advocates for three years in a row.

Gentis was amazed by how great the campaign is and was happy to find something that supported what she was so strongly interested in.

"It really creates social change and awareness. It opens people's eyes to different things; especially the Bosnian women, most people don't know that rape is still used as a war tactic," Gentis said.

The monologues are not just for women either. Every year the girls see more and more men in the audience who come in a little timid but leave with the smile of a good time. Although men can not perform they can, however, help out.

Volunteers needed for 2008 NCUR Conference

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

Would you like the opportunity to mingle with the great young minds of today and hear the insights of the nation's leading specialists in their fields? Interested in a free t-shirt to commemorate that event? A team of volunteers is desperately needed for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). SU welcomes 2,788 of the nation's undergraduate scholars to Salisbury's second NCUR this April.

"We are looking for approximately 500 to 600 volunteers," said Heather Holmes, NCUR volunteer coordinator and SU's director of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership. "Any students, faculty and staff who are willing to help are welcome."

Volunteers may sign up to help with various activities before, during and after the conference

including stuffing conference packets, providing airport shuttles, monitoring poster sessions or setting up for the beach party.

"Volunteers may select what they would like to do. We need help with everything from distributing food to setting up and breaking down rooms, to putting up signs and manning registration and information tables," Holmes said. All volunteers will receive a free conference shirt.

Dr. Ronald L. Dotterer, NCUR Board of Governors Conference Host and Professor of English said, "The NCUR conference is an important measure of student engagement and excellence in their own field."

Another benefit is the opportunity to network with other bright and exciting students and faculty from 399 campuses across the United States.

Abstracts were submitted from every state and more than half of the US territories. Ten of those

proposed were from students studying abroad, including two from Nepal, one from Chad and one from Armed Forces Europe.

"The abstracts were reviewed by the corresponding departments here on campus. 82 percent were accepted. They were submitted through e-mail and Web site solicitation," Dotterer explained.

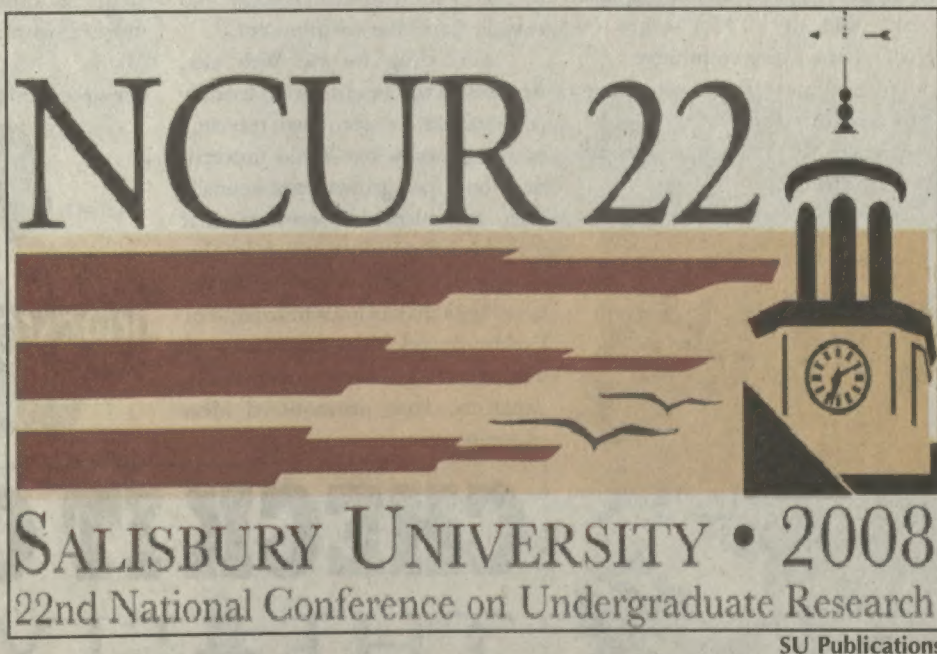
Dotterer said the projects usually advanced senior undergraduate assignments under collaboration with their professors. 40 percent are presented in poster format. The rest are given in an oral session. Some presentations are

given by creative writers, musicians, theater majors and other visual artists.

"They come from all disciplines. Salisbury is the first university to

have a comprehensive balance of liberal arts and sciences.

"It's a great way to meet people and find out about other institutions," Dotterer said.



SU Publications

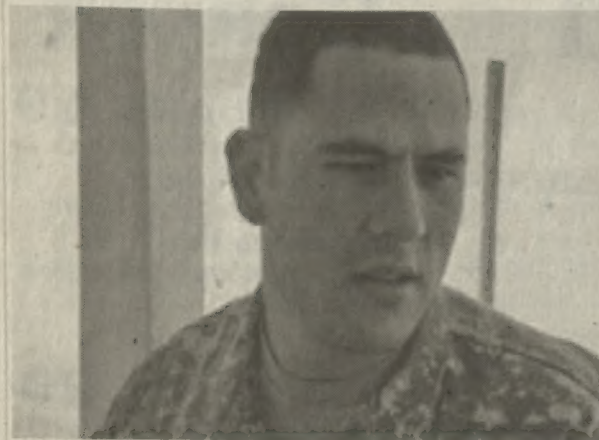
500 - 600 volunteers are needed for the 2008 NCUR Conference. Students who are interested should contact Heather Holmes, director of OS&O & L.

TUESDAY 2/19/08	WEDNESDAY 2/20/08	THURSDAY 2/21/08	FRIDAY 2/22/08	SATURDAY 2/23/08	SUNDAY 2/24/08	MONDAY 2/25/08
HIGH 42	HIGH 45	HIGH 39	HIGH 44	HIGH 47	HIGH 55	HIGH 53
PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY SUNNY	WINTER MIX	CLOUDY	FEW SHOWERS	PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY SUNNY
LOW 28	LOW 30	LOW 32	LOW 35	LOW 37	LOW 39	LOW 36

Index

News.....2
Global.....3
Editorial.....5
Life & Style.....7
Sports.....11

U.S. sniper convicted of murdering Iraqi civilian



Internet photo

Sgt. Evtan Vela (shown above) will receive 10 years in prison for murdering Genei Nasir al-Janabi.

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

A US Army sniper was found guilty of murdering an Iraqi civilian on Feb. 10 and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

According to the Associated Press, Sgt. Evtan Vela, 24, was in a "hide" with five other soldiers from his unit when Genei Nasir al-Janabi and his seventeen-year-old son, Mustafa, stumbled upon the group. The two Iraqis were detained, but Mustafa was quickly released. According to Vela, al-Janabi began causing a commotion which the army unit interpreted as a signal to alert a nearby group of suspected insurgents.

Fearing their hideout's position was being given away, the unit decided to kill al-Janabi. Vela shot al-Janabi with a pistol and then one of the other members of the unit, Sgt. Michael A. Hensley, placed an AK-47 rifle next to the body to give the impression that al-Janabi had been a military target.

According to Hensley, the unit's commanders had been putting more pressure on army snipers to get "more kills." "There was defi-

nately some pressure. If we came back from a mission and we didn't get kills, we were talked to," said Hensley in an AP press conference.

Vela's trial was the last of three snipers assumed to be associated with a string of recent murders and other crimes against Iraqi civilians in

Mahmoudiya, a city 20 miles south of Baghdad. One of the most prominent cases was the rape of a young girl and the murder of her and her family.

Among the other men tried in Vela's unit was specialist Jorge G. Sandoval. Sandoval was not charged with murder in a trial in Sept., but with planting false evidence around murdered victims during April and May of 2007. As part of his court marshal sentencing, Sandoval's rank was reduced from specialist to private.

According to the US army, snipers have a particularly hard and specialized job with exceptional hazards. Often sniper units are sent out for extended periods of time where they are subjected to the elements and receive little food and rest. Snipers are expected, at any moment, to be able to deliver "up to a 600 yard shot" on the kill zone of a man-sized target "with 90% accuracy."

Vela's unit, part of 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, had been hiking and hiding in the field for 72 hours and

only received five hours of sleep up to the murder. James Culp, Vela's attorney, argued that Vela's unit made the decision to kill al-Janabi under extreme circumstances of mental fatigue and stress, and that the case was much more complicated than a typical murder.

Two doctors testified in Vela's defense, stating that Vela was "suffering from acute sleep deprivation, exhaustion and post traumatic stress syndrome."

Military prosecutor Capt. Jason Nef called the case "simple" due to the fact that, despite all other factors, "Vela confessed on the stand that he lied. He confessed he killed an unarmed Iraqi civilian," Vela, who is from St. Anthony, Idaho was found guilty by a military jury and sentenced to ten years in prison. Vela's prison time in Kuwait would be credited to his sentence.

The war in Iraq has been met with very low domestic sentiment, and many see its parallels with the war in Vietnam. Unlike Vietnam, however, Iraq has received much more media coverage and attention to injustices. Many atrocities were committed in Vietnam such as the My Lai massacre and the American public does not want to see a repeat of that in Iraq.

"I don't remember pulling the trigger. I don't remember the sound of the shot. It took me a few seconds to realize that the shot came from my pistol," said Vela in his testimony about shooting al-Janabi. "He was convulsing on the ground and I thought he might be suffering. I just didn't want him to suffer. It was something I've never seen and I got a bit scared," said Vela to the court about the second pistol shot, which missed the dying al-Janabi.

Valentine's Day Massacre at Northern Illinois University

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

Over the course of 6 minutes, tragedy hit NIU on Feb. 14 at 3:06 p.m. after 27-year-old Steven Kazmierczak walked into an Intro Geology class, which held nearly 160 students, with a 12 gauge shotgun and three pistols and took the lives of five people and wounding 16 before taking his own life.

According to reports Kazmierczak kicked open the door and fired his shotgun into the first few rows. As students tried to get out of the classroom Kazmierczak took aim at those leaving through the aisles. Within minutes university police officers were on the scene. By 4 p.m. police had swept through DeKalb, the city surrounding NIU, and determined that there was only one shooter.

In all, 21 people were shot in the classroom as they tried scrambling for the exit. Police stated that so far 48 bullet casings and six spent shotgun shells were found.

The shotgun was hidden in a guitar case and each of his handguns was under his coat before entering the room.

Prior to the shooting Kazmierczak had been seen as a "respected...fairly normal student," according to NIU officials. Kazmierczak graduated from NIU in 2006 and was a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In the weeks before the shooting, Kazmierczak had been acting erratically, refusing to take medication for an undisclosed condition. The Associated Press reported that Kazmierczak's parents had placed him in a Chicago psychiatric treatment center following high school.

Many have drawn similarities between the NIU shooting and the shooting at Virginia Tech last year. Both the shooters frequented the same weapons Web site. Kazmierczak bought several accessories from the Web site including two 9 mm Glock magazines and a

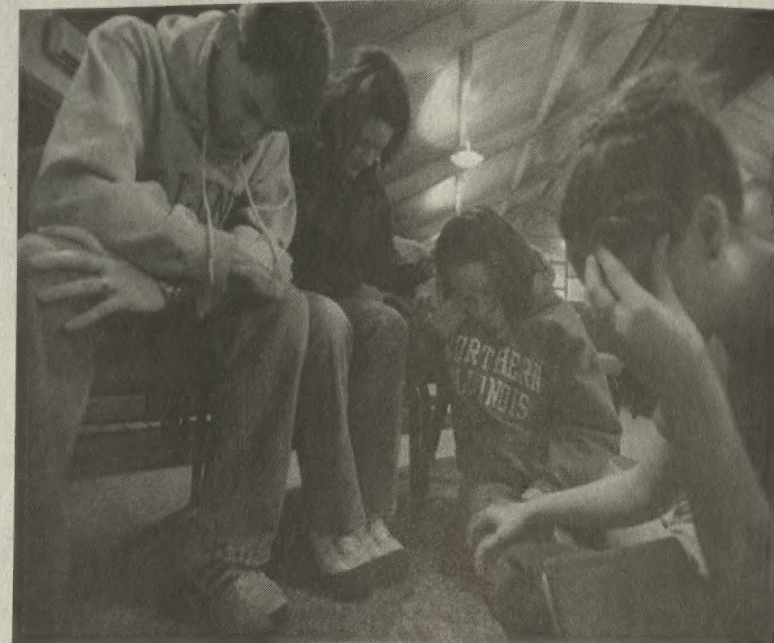
holster for a Glock handgun; the VT shooter had also bought several items from the Web site. He received the accessories two days before the shooting.

No connection has been made between Kazmierczak and any students in the class. "There were no red flags," said University Police Chief Donald Grady. "He was an outstanding student; he was an awarded student; he was someone that was revered by the faculty, staff and students alike. So we had no indications at all."

Following the VT tragedy the NIU campus set up an emergency contact system, like SU's. The campus had also recently raised security after finding threatening graffiti on a bathroom stall; so far there is no connection between the graffiti and the shooting.

In a letter to NIU president, Dr. John G. Peters, Charles W. Steger, president of Virginia Tech, expressed his horror and sadness over the incident.

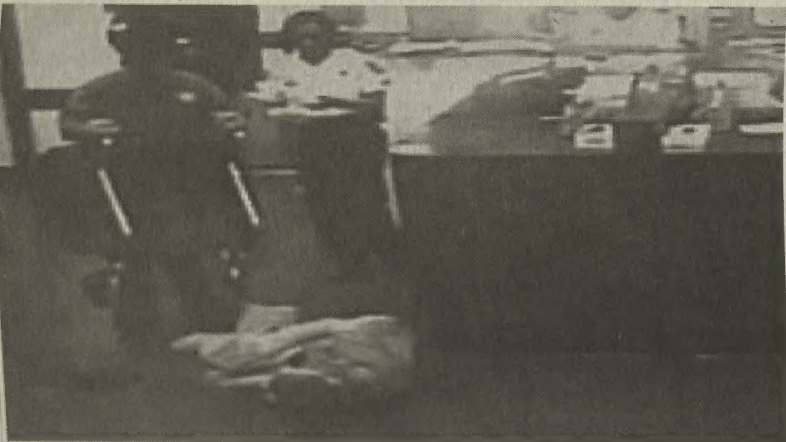
"The loss of life is always tragic, but especially the loss of young people



Internet photo

NIU students mourn the loss of the five young people murdered on the morning of Feb. 14. The shooter, Steven Kazmierczak, was a grad student.

Deputy caught throwing quadriplegic out of wheelchair



Internet photo

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

A Tampa Bay deputy was caught throwing a quadriplegic man out of his wheelchair in late Jan..

Brian Sterner, a 32-year-old SU alumni, was taken into custody after allegedly fleeing and trying to elude police officers.

The video shows Deputy Charlotte Marshall-Jones dumping Sterner out of his wheelchair and searching him on the floor. The deputy was apparently angry

with Sterner because she didn't believe he could not get out of his wheelchair.

Several other deputies seen in the video have been suspended with pay and Marshall-Jones has been suspended without pay.

The video also shows one deputy walking off camera with a smile on his face.

"If they're trying to figure out if somebody's in a wheelchair or not there are many other ways to do it besides dumping somebody on their face," said Sterner in a Tampa television station WTSP

interview.

After Sterner was thrown on the ground he thought he fell so hard that he broke his ribs.

Sterner had broken his neck nearly 14 years ago in a wrestling accident. From 1996-1998 Sterner was a resident assistant at Salisbury University.

The deputy has been charged with one count of felony abuse against a disabled person. She was released on a \$3,500 bail. If she is convicted, she can be sentenced to 5 years in prison. On Wednesday the

President Bush unlikely to change legacy

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

President Bush's approval rating has been like a roller coaster ever since he came to office back in 2000. One could compare a chart of his ratings to that of a recently released pop CD: Being accepted initially by the masses, streaking to the top of the charts, and then slowly simmering down until the public has little interest in it at all.

This is not exactly what you would expect as far as Presidential approval ratings are concerned, but the Bush administration has had anything but a smooth ride during its time in the White House.

The legacy of a President is usually decided some time after he is removed from office; but as far as the modern day press is concerned, Bush will most likely be remembered as one of the most disliked presidents in history. Our Commander in Chief may be unable to sway the views of his critics, regardless of his efforts.

"W" began his time in the White house with an approval rating of about 55 percent. The rating increased slightly until Sept. 11, 2001. In the two weeks that followed the attacks, Bush saw his approval rating take off from 55 percent to an amazing 92 percent. It was obvious that the attacks unified the nation to rally behind its

leader.

History supports this idea when looking at past approval ratings that reached extreme highs. Bush's 92 percent approval rating was the highest in history, but his father George H.W. Bush reached a close second of 89 percent following the end of the Gulf War. FDR reached an approval rating of 84 percent after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Perhaps more astonishing than the 92 percent Bush received in late 2001, is the approval rating of 24 percent he received in October 2007 during the Iraq War. Only Truman can "brag" of a similar accomplishment when he reached an approval rating of 87 percent after WWII, and a rating of 22 percent during the Korean War.

Bush holds the record for the highest rating difference during a Presidential term, and the record for the highest disapproval rating, 71 percent.

Bush's approval rating has increased slightly over the past several months, and recently he has made efforts to unify the parties that control our government. His signing of the bipartisan economic stimulus package is the most recent of his efforts to salvage his legacy and renew hope and trust among the American people.

A looming recession and the upcoming elections aided in

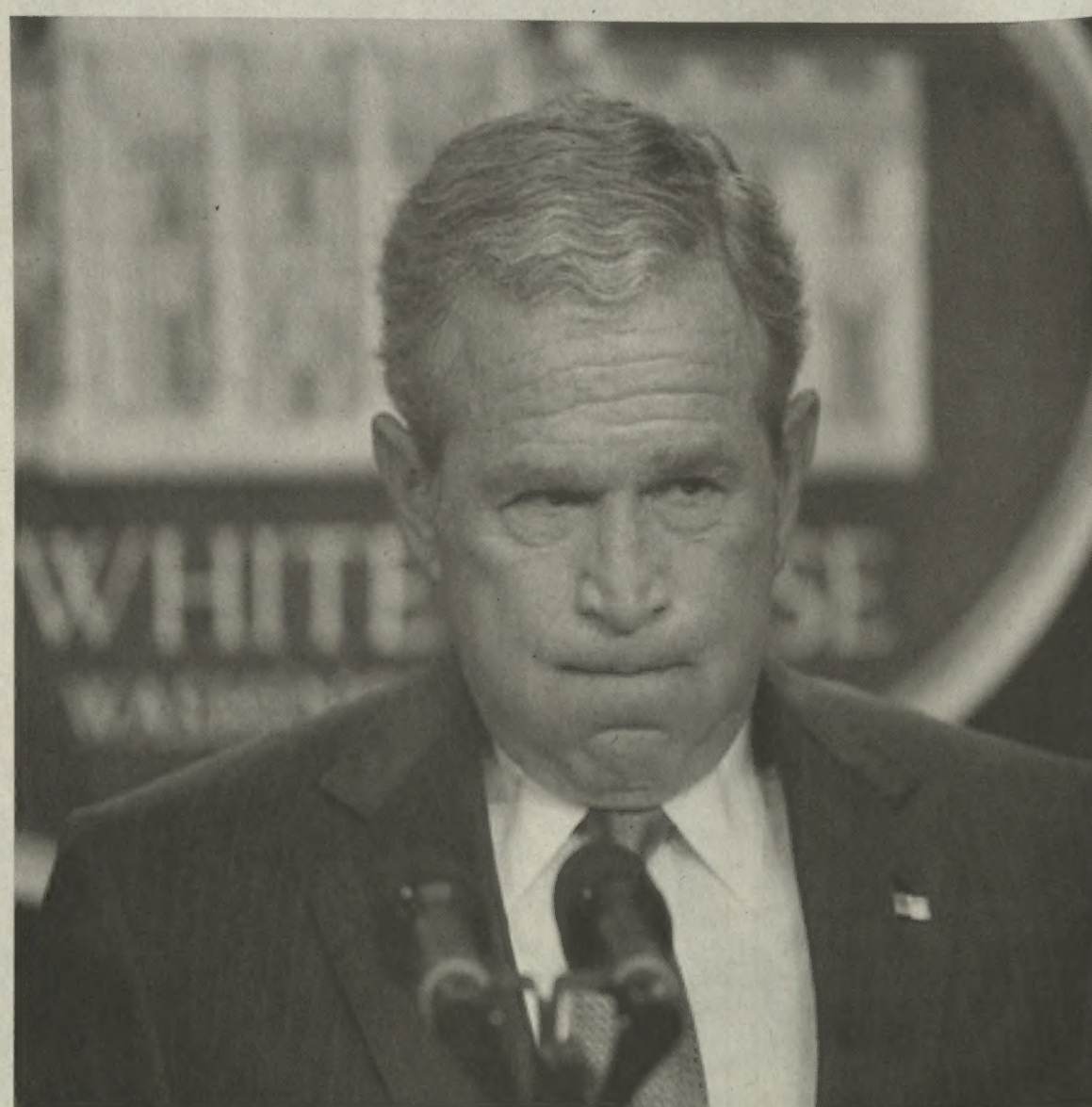
Congress' speedy decision to agree on the package. The \$168 billion rescue plan swept aside lawmakers' political differences in favor of rushing \$600-\$1,200 checks to their constituents.

The new plan received an amazing 380-34 vote in the House just a few hours after the Senate ended a week of political maneuvering and came to a decision of 81-16. The bill includes tax breaks for businesses that are investing in new facilities and equipment and taking steps to boost the ailing market. It also seeks to aid those who earn too little to pay taxes, including senior citizens living off Social Security and veterans on disability checks.

Both parties were pressed to come to a decision about stimulating the economy due to [its] rise as the most pressing issue as voted by U.S. citizens, recently passing the Iraq war.

In his State of the Union address, President Bush made it very clear about what bills he would and would not pass. He also placed an increased emphasis on environmental issues, something Bush and his party has been accused of neglecting in the past.

Perhaps some of these new efforts to unify the parties and address new issues are proof that Bush really does desire to be remembered positively.



Internet photo

EDITORIAL

The Flyer, Vol. 35 Issue 14

February 19, 2008

Overheard: What's your pick for best picture of 2007?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"Juno"

Becky Weeks - freshman



"Juno"

Derek Jablecki - sophomore



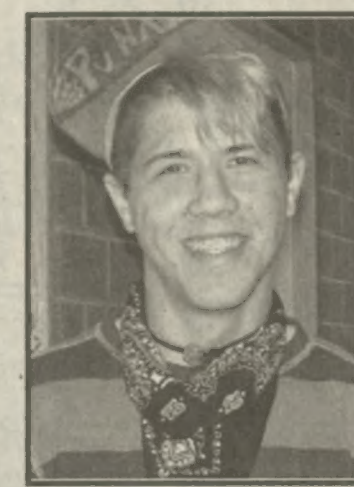
"American Gangster"

Kenny Bowen - freshman



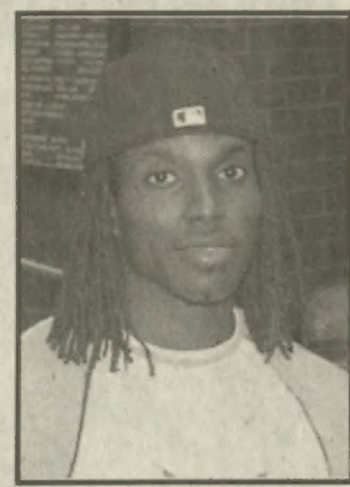
"Superbad"

Luke Shankle - freshman



"Juno"

Scott Altemus - freshman



"Live Free Die Hard"

Wayne Turner - junior

The Flyer

Salisbury University's Student Voice
Phone: 410-543-6191
Fax: 410-677-5359
flyer@salisbury.edu
Campus Box 3183
Salisbury University
Salisbury, MD 21801

Sarah Lake
Editor in Chief and Layout Editor

Tom Ruch
Layout and Graphic Design

Layout Staff
Alexander Ambridge
Kelly Pahl
News Editor Sean Gossard
flyernews@salisbury.edu

Life & Style Amanda Haley
Editor
flyerlifestyle@salisbury.edu

Editorial Editor Corey Meissner
me69611@salisbury.edu@salisbury.edu

Sports Editor Jeff Southworth
flyersports@salisbury.edu

Advertising Managers Megan McCarthy
Mike Brusoe
flyerads@salisbury.edu

Photography Sarah Wright
Editor
flyerphoto@salisbury.edu

Copy Editors Corey Meissner
Jeremy Latimer
Photographers Ali Abrams
Andrew Baker
Telecia Taylor
Adrienne Price

Staff Writers Sarah Branton
Chris Brown
Therron Dennis
Lindsey Dickinson
Emily Doss
Michel Elben
Rachel Grau
Matt Harhai
Erin Hart
Kristin Hawkins
Michelle Hinkle
Sarah Janoske
Katelyn Johnson
Kathleen Kasik
Chris Kidd
Nick Lehwald
Rachel Lopez
Kellie Madden
Stacie Manger
Kristen Manion
Ben Muell
Katie Murphy
Derek Pettinelli
Steven Reddick
Jeremy Riffle
Danny Ross
Alexander Ruoff
Lindsey Sappington
Mary Simmonds
Brandon Smith
Phil Speake
Samantha Sullivan
Sara Sutton
Jillian Verpent
Tom Watson
Lauren Zarin

Letter to the Editor

I have to say, even though I've only read the main headline article (about the buyback cards), the quality of the reporting has remained first-rate. I was very impressed with the fact that

Jonathan was able to write such a well-balanced article explaining all sides of the issue. Now, if only our local area papers could follow in The Flyer's footsteps.

It's refreshing to see sensation-

alism take a back seat to real journalism.

Anne Balish
Information Technology

School dropout age may become 18

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Over the years the law in Maryland has been that if a child is 16 years old and has parental permission he or she may drop out of high school. Recently, The Baltimore Sun reported that Maryland is now considering raising its drop out age to 18. After four years of pushing and fighting, Baltimore lawmakers have finally broken through and change is underway.

I think this is a smart move. Dropping out of high school may not seem like a large issue now to most teenagers, but the consequences are so much greater than they may realize. According to Focus Adolescent Services, half of the prison population consists of high school dropouts. Dropouts also make up nearly half of the population that is on welfare. While

the law was initially created so that older children could work on farms or in factories, we no longer live in



Internet photo

an era where not completing school is okay. In order to maintain some type of job in today's society, a high school diploma at minimum is required. According to www.focusas.com, dropouts will

earn \$200,000 less than high school graduates, and over \$800,000 less than college graduates in the course of their lives. By raising the age, many more students will make it to their senior year and graduate.

Although many say that this new age change will only put more strain on the lack of teachers and resources within the school system, the same is being done with the misuse and abuse of our welfare and unemployment system.

There has to be a change made somewhere and this seems to be a step in the right direction. Keeping kids in school until 18 allow 21,000 more to graduate, according to The Baltimore Sun. This decision comes at a time where our youth need motivation and a shove in the right direction. To make such an adult decision as dropping out of school, I believe the choice should only be given to an adult.

Primaries need moderate voters

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

During this election season, as both parties have struggled to identify their presidential nominees, there has been increased media attention on state primaries and caucuses. These elections are organized by both parties so that party members in each state have a say in which candidates each party nominates to campaign in the general election. In the case of presidential primaries, the voters in the primaries elect delegates to go to the national party convention, who, in turn, vote for the nominee for president. Although the current primary system was created in order to give the everyday party member the ability to influence the party, the system has been subject to abuse by the parties' most active members. Only if moderate voters participate in the primaries and caucuses will the parties stop emphasizing partisanship and ideology and instead focus on practicality, electability and the ability to actually get things done in Washington.

In August 1968, the Democratic convention in Chicago was rocked by protests and rioting. The anti-war wing of the party, having lost their candidate of choice, Robert Kennedy, felt betrayed by the party leaders nominating the hawkish Vice President Hubert Humphrey despite the candidacy of Eugene McCarthy, another popular anti-war candidate. When the smoke of the general election cleared that November, Republican nominee Richard Nixon had been elected president.

In an effort to reform the nominating process, the Democratic Party created a commission to find a way to democratize the delegate selection

process. The solution was to create the modern day primary system.

Unfortunately, the democratic nature of the primary system means that it is also ripe for exploitation. This potential for abuse is amplified by the increasing trend of voter apathy. As voters become increasingly turned off by the escalating partisanship of the political process, they become less likely to participate in elections. This leaves the party loyalists; the diehard supporters; as those who are most likely to vote in primaries and caucuses. As a result, those



Internet photo

who win the primaries are more likely to espouse very conservative or very liberal views. This happens not only due to the litmus test quality of the primary votes weeding out the more moderate candidates, but also due to the candidates themselves shifting their positions to be more in line with the base of the party base. One of the best examples of this is the recent candidacy of Mitt Romney, the former Governor of Massachusetts. During his run for the Republican nomination, Romney, whose tenure as governor was marked as fairly moderate, repeatedly emphasized his conservative credentials, in particular

cutting his conversion to a pro-life stance on abortion.

One example of the sway possessed by the primary voters over a general election is the 1972 Democratic campaign of George McGovern. McGovern, popular among the left-wing of the Democratic Party for his strong anti-war stance, won the nomination through the primary system, but was crushed by a landslide in the general election against Nixon. McGovern received only 38 percent of the general election vote and he won only the state of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

The polarizing effect of the primary system on the parties can be stopped. The easiest method of keeping the primaries from being abused by party activists is by having large turnouts of moderate voters. It is in the best interest of the parties for moderates to come in droves to the primaries; moderate nominees are more likely to have broad national support, which increases their chances of winning the general election.

Fortunately, it appears that this election season may be different. On the GOP side, Senator John McCain, the bipartisan maverick of the Republican Party, has all but sealed his nomination for president. On the other side, Senator Barack Obama, who, while liberal, has repeatedly called for bipartisanship and has a good working relationship with Republicans, has emerged as the frontrunner in the Democratic race.

Despite these positive turn of events, moderate voters need to make sure that there is a lasting shift in Washington from being a haven for partisan politics to an environment of moderation and bipartisanship. It is time for moderate voters to take back their parties not just this election cycle but in all election cycles. It is time to rock the primary vote.

~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

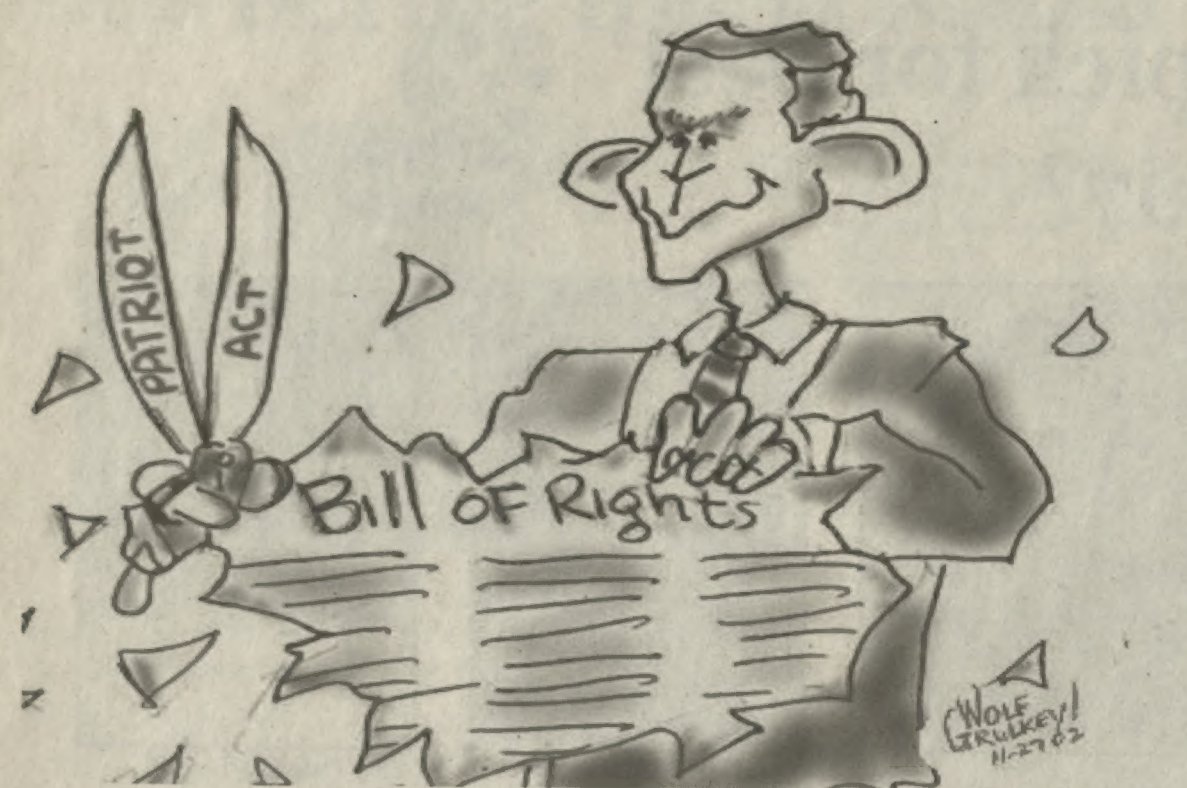
7	6	8			1
		1		8 3	
1					
	2 6	1		7	
1	5	4	3 9		2
					8
	2 8		4		
3			9	2	4

Difficulty Rating: Hard

Solution to last week's puzzle:

9	4	2	1	6	3	5	8	7
7	8	3	2	9	5	6	1	4
6	1	5	7	8	4	3	2	9
2	9	7	3	1	6	4	5	8
8	3	4	9	5	7	1	6	2
5	6	1	4	2	8	7	9	3
1	7	9	5	4	2	8	3	6
3	2	6	8	7	1	9	4	5
4	5	8	6	3	9	2	7	1

PATRIOT Act enhanced by new bill Spying on Americans will be easier



Internet photo

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

With Bush's term coming down to the wire, more questionable decisions will be made because all the emphasis on a new president means the old one can seemingly get away with a lot more. Probably one of his most controversial decisions since the PATRIOT Act is one that is related to it because of its emphasis on slowly degrading personal liberties. Civil liberty groups across the nation are decrying Bush's warrantless wiretapping program, which allows for easy domestic spying on Americans. No longer would a warrant signed by a judge be required for the government to install permanent wiretapping abilities on telephone and internet services, making "Big Brother" all the more real. In essence, any person could be spied on and have information collected without their knowledge and without a warrant. This bill directly contrasts the 4th amendment, which protects Americans against unreasonable search and seizure.

On February 12, the Senate passed a bill which allowed for

retroactive immunity to telecommunications corporations who broke the law to spy on Americans and gave that information to the government, without anyone checking the validity of it. This means a steeper uphill battle for civil liberties groups engaging in lawsuits against companies like AT&T and Verizon for turning over millions of Americans' phone and internet records to the government without a court order. The vote was passed 68-29 after an unsuccessful filibuster attempt from Christopher Dodd (D, CT) who spoke for more than 20 hours to try and stall the bill.

Steps to remove freedoms have already progressed with nonsense legislation like The Protect America Act of 2007, which amended the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. Adjustments to that law allowed electronic monitoring of communications "reasonably believed to be outside the United States" without a court's order or oversight. Currently, it still requires a court order to conduct electronic surveillance or physical search when targeting persons located in the United States.

While many may not see this as a big deal if "they have nothing to

hide," who's to say that they won't be mistakenly targeted or prosecuted? Anyone, regardless of their guilt or innocence, could be spied upon and that information could be misconstrued into legal ramifications, placing the burden of proof on the victim. Obviously, since the government is by no means perfect, as evidenced by their actions on countless occasions, why would anyone trust them with the most precious of information? It's important to note that giving up your rights in a time of crisis means that you will never get them back.

All Republican senators voted for the bill, except Lindsey Graham (South Carolina), who did not vote. The following cowardly Democrats also voted for the bill:

Evan Bayh (D-IN), Tom Carper (D-DE), Robert Casey (D-PA), Kent Conrad (D-ND), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Ben Nelson (D-NE), Mark Pryor (D-AR), Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Ken Salazar (D-CO), Jim Webb (D-VA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

The end of honest representation

By Sarah Lake
Resident of the 1st District of MD

I am writing this piece not as the Editor in Chief of this newspaper, but as a concerned resident of the First District of Maryland. My personal values and beliefs should in no way politically categorize The Flyer.

In the Feb. 12 Maryland primaries, Baltimore County Sen. Andy Harris unseated U.S. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, winning the Republican nomination by 11 percentage points.

Traditionally, the loser makes a concession call to the victor, offering their congratulations and good wishes. Gilchrest has yet to make this call and, according to his campaign manager, Tony Caligiani, he never will. Why, you ask? "I really don't want to congratulate unseemly behavior," Gilchrest said in a Feb. 14 Washington Post interview.

I will now offer my own concession to Andy Harris. Congratulations. Your despicably dirty campaigning and gross misrepresentation of Wayne Gilchrest has paid off. Try as you will, but I would bet my left leg that you will not have the same luck in the November election. The 22,000 Republicans who voted for Wayne Gilchrest in the primaries see right through you. They will vote for Frank Kratochvil.

Throughout this entire campaign, Harris has done everything within his power to tarnish Wayne Gilchrest's good name. He deemed Gilchrest a "dirty trickster," accusing [him] of encouraging Republican challenger Robert Banks to enter the race in order to divide the anti-Gilchrest vote, breaking a pledge with the Americans for Tax Reform in which he supposedly stated that he would never raise taxes, and going back on his word to never accept Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions.

I will not go into grave detail concerning how Gilchrest responded to each of these accusations. Both Gilchrest and Banks have denied that Banks was lured into the campaign. Gilchrest denies ever signing a pledge with the Americans for Tax Reform and the Harris campaign could not come up with an actual copy of this pledge. And Gilchrest began accepting PAC money as a defensive move since Harris had collected over \$46,000 in PAC contributions. The congressman's main "flaw," as

outlined by his opponents, is his tendency to vote like a "liberal." According to waynegilchrestsalber.al.com, a Web site sponsored by the Club for Growth, Gilchrest has voted more often with democratic leadership than with GOP leadership. Gilchrest's response? "I think it is absurd, bordering on being ridiculously stupid, to categorize in such a confining fashion when the complexity of the issues today deserve the highest intellect, initiative and ingenuity to figure out," he said.

Gilchrest has been known to vote with his conscience as opposed to consistently siding with the Republican Party for fear of not being re-elected. In a letter to the editors of every newspaper within the 1st District of Maryland, Wayne's wife, Barbara, expressed her disgust with officials who labeled Wayne as a "liberal." "Wayne is not my husband, he is my representative also. And I am proud to be represented by one who is not confined in his thinking, actions and dealings with representatives on both sides, all of whom are Americans first and foremost," she wrote. "To be partisan and guided wholly by party platforms fosters narrow-mindedness and demonstrates in a subtle way, an immunity by rejecting other Americans' thoughts and ideas."

Harris released countless television, mail, radio and newspaper attack ads targeted toward Gilchrest. Harris' Web site was plastered with anti-Gilchrest press releases, articles, etc. Wayne did respond with a few attack

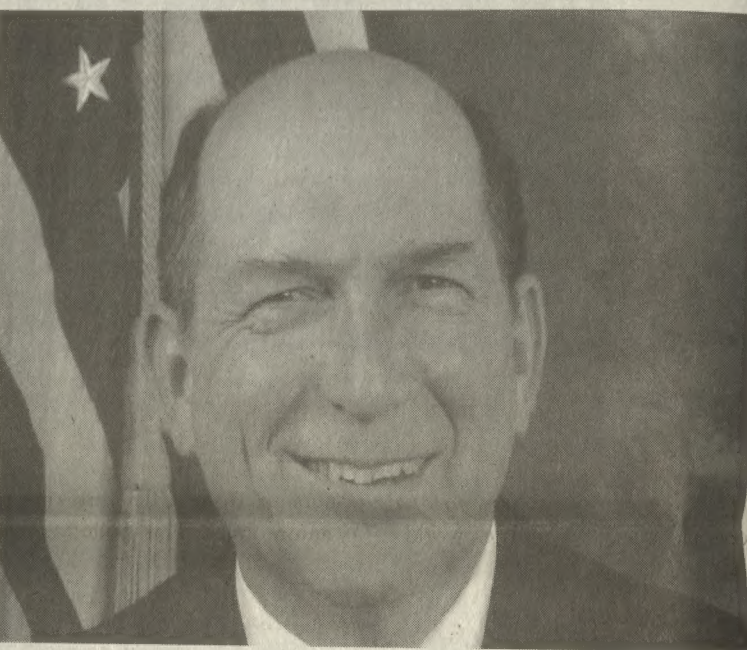
ads solely for the purpose of giving Dr. Harris, an anesthesiologist, a taste of his own medicine (Star Democrat Nov. 6, 2007).

Altogether, Harris' campaign can be summed up with one word: trash. Wayne Gilchrest is an honest politician with only the best of intentions for the people who voted him into office — a rarity in today's Washington. In his 18 years in office, he represented this district in the best way he knew how. He was objective, honest and caring, amongst many other things. He worked hard, not only for the people, but for the environment — an extremely deceptive ploy that many Washington politicians have turned a blind eye to. He has revolutionary ideas concerning the War, the failing health care system and illegal immigration. To be blunt, he is the most intelligent man that I've ever spoken with. I have been so proud to be represented by him.

As for the people who view Gilchrest as a sore loser because he won't make a concession call, I ask you to stand back and look at the big picture. See Andy Harris for who he really is: a scoundrel, a weasel and guided wholly by party platforms fosters narrow-mindedness and demonstrates in a subtle way, an immunity by rejecting other Americans' thoughts and ideas."

In all actuality, Gilchrest is relieved. "The integrity of my eternal soul is infinitely more valuable than a pathetic political career," he said. "This will be the next chapter in my active life."

For more information on Wayne Gilchrest and the campaign that led up to the Feb. 12 primaries, check out our Web site.



Internet photo

Campaign 2012 in full swing

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

As I'm sure many of us would agree, Salisbury University is a great campus with a great faculty who try their best to accommodate all of our needs. However, Salisbury University's recent Facilities Master Plan and Institutional Strategic Plan studies show that SU needs some improving. Faculty, staff, students and alumni participated in these studies, along with some of the nation's most well-known planning firms. The results from these studies have paved the way to a bright future for SU and Campaign 2012 is in full swing.

Campaign 2012 consists of seven initiatives that will improve almost every facet of our campus. These initiatives include endowment for scholarship, the new Teacher Education and Technology complex, improved educational environment for the Perdue School of Business, library improvements, the enhancement of fine arts, improved Sea Gull athletics and improved campus aesthetics.

With a continued increase in applicants each year, I am in full support of the much needed improvements that are currently taking place on our campus. According to the Campaign 2012 Web site, "Salisbury University stu-

dents currently graduate with the highest accumulated debt of any higher education institution in Maryland." The endowment for scholarship will help SU students get their degree without being financially burdened. I know first-hand what it is like to acquire debt from education, and I know that this will be a great benefit for SU students.

I'm sure many would agree that the library is in need of improvement. In fact, the Campaign 2012 Web site states the library is one of Salisbury University's most important updates. "I spend a lot of time in the library and am so happy that they have planned to improve it," said senior Shannon Spero.

I would like to encourage students to go to a series of workshops that will be offered next week to students, staff, faculty, board members and every member of the campus community to express your opinion about what makes SU distinctive. This will help with the planning efforts for Campaign 2012.

Generous alumni of Salisbury University have been major contributors to the Campaign 2012 efforts. Encourage graduates that you know to contribute to the improvement of Salisbury University because every cent counts.

I do not think that most students realize the changes that are currently taking place on our campus. On Salisbury University's main page there is a Campaign 2012 link where you can find all the information you need, including detailed descriptions of what the campaign entails, how much progress has been made and what you can do to help. I encourage every student to tell their friends and family about the changes that are underway because Campaign 2012 can only benefit from your help.



SU Publications photo

Living to be 100: Is it really worth it?

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

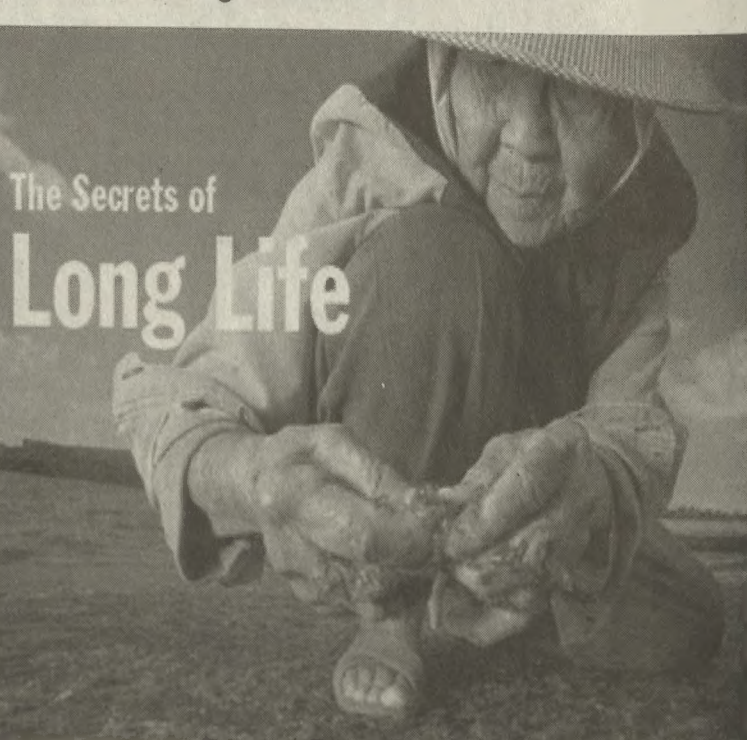
CNN did a recent exposé regarding the potential for humans to live to age 100 despite the onset of severe illnesses. One must wonder when enough is enough. Is it not possible that the human body ages as it does because it was not designed to function for 100 years? The CNN News report stated that Boston University researchers had found ways to live longer regardless of chronic illness, heart disease and diabetes. Perhaps people are not meant to live to such an age with chronic illness. Perhaps it's merely a question of religion. Are these people playing God when they seek out ways of increasing longevity? Regardless of the controversial aspect of religion, what is the quality of life with chronic disease? If one is simply fighting off the angel of death for the sake of being alive, is it worth it?

If a person is naturally healthy, then a desire to continue with life is not incomprehensible. If a person has a chronic illness, therefore depleting the quality of life, the idea of fighting to remain alive seems to be a stubborn struggle. Fighting death is a trendy battle but death is such a natural part of life. It is a fear of the unknown that creates the fear of death. No one actually knows where death leads and therefore they fight it. Regardless of one's beliefs, death should not be such a scary phenomenon. For those that believe in heaven, why prolong life? For those who are uncertain, why fight nature? If medical advancements are capable of prolonging the life of a person who is physically attempting to die, the battle seems to be fueled by obstinacy.

Boston University did a survey in which they studied 500 women and 200 men that had reached age 100. They found that two-thirds had avoided age-related ailments but termed the rest "survivors" because

they'd developed a disease before the age of 85. These diseases included diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. Remarkably, those who had developed disease were able to function nearly as well as those who had not. They reported that nearly 75 percent of the men could dress and bathe themselves, while only 33 percent of the women were able to do so. Again, one must question the quality of life when a person must rely on others for bathing and dressing. Perhaps it's morbid to embrace the idea that death is the desired alternative to struggling to live, but there must be a point where human knowledge is merely battling nature.

CNN has also posted an online article titled "The War Against Aging." Why must there be a war? Aging is a natural part of life. If humans continue to increase their life span, overpopulation will become an issue. Without death, the world would be flooded with people. Famine, poverty and unemployment would become epidemics. The current unemployment rate in the United States is 4.8 percent and, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, there were 35.5 million people in 2006 that lived in households that were not able to afford a sufficient amount of food. If people continue



Internet photo

to increase their lifespan, the increased population will cause these statistics to rise. There is a 50 percent chance of developing Alzheimer's disease after the age of 85. Other diseases prominent in the elderly are heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis and diabetes. Due to medical advancements, people are able to continue living with these diseases, but what is the quality of these lives?

There is a National Institute on Aging (NIA) which, according to their Web site, "leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging." The NIA is federally funded and also accepts donations. Therefore, an enormous amount of money is wasted in an attempt to fight an inevitable end. This money would be more beneficial if used to increase the quality of the natural human life.

Classifieds

Spring Break 2008. Sell Trips, Earn Cash and Go Free. Call for group discounts. Best Deals Guaranteed! Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, S. Padre, Florida. 800-648-4849 or www.ststravel.com.

**** #1 Spring Break Trips! 4 & 7 night trips. Low prices guaranteed. Group discounts for 8+. Book 20 people, get 3 free trips! Campus reps needed. www.studentcity.com or 800-293-1445.**

HUMAN HOST, BOATS TO TANGIER, CEC @ Mainlake Cafe (upstairs) across from Brew River. FRIDAY NIGHT FEB. 22nd, Doors at 7 p.m. ALL AGES - ONLY \$5!!!!

Want to advertise in our classifieds? We charge \$10 for the first 20 words and \$.50 for each additional word. Call Flyer Ads @ 410-543-6192. Payment is due prior to publication.

LIFE & STYLE

February 19, 2008

The Flyer: Vol. 35 Issue 14

Raising Disability Awareness on SU campus

By Emily Doss
Staff Writer

Approximately one in every 30 students on SU's campus has some form of a registered disability. That means when you are on your way to lunch at the Commons, or looking around a classroom lecture hall full of students, you are seeing someone who has a disability.

Disabilities range from epilepsy to Attention Deficit Disorder, and they can affect individuals in different ways. For some people, their disability may mean having to read their text books twice over. For others, their disability may involve having to sit close to the board, or having someone take notes for them.

"People with disabilities are, above all, people," said Nikki Dyer, Student Disabilities Support Services Coordinator. "Their disabilities may be a part of their identity but one's disability does not

define who they have been in the past, who they are in the present, or who they can become in the future."

Sometimes, people feel awkward about approaching a person with a disability. Other times, people are afraid they may say something wrong or offensive. The important thing, like Dyer said, is to remember before anything else: people are people, and not just their disability. For example, if someone got a terrible sunburn, no one would refer to them as "sunburn boy!" So why should anyone refer to someone with epilepsy as "epileptic boy?"

One important thing to remember when addressing someone who uses a wheelchair, is to make sure and use the term "someone who uses a wheelchair" as opposed to



Sarah Wright photo

"One's disability does not define who they have been in the past, who they are in the present, or who they can become in the future," says Nikki Dyer, SDSS Coordinator.

saying "someone who is wheelchair-bound" or "someone who is confined to a wheel chair," as the latter terms can be seen as somewhat demeaning or derogative.

Also, keep in mind that people should not be viewed as just one way or another. A person isn't either disabled or healthy. It is offensive to say "someone who is healthy" or "someone who is normal," when referring to an individual who does not have a disability.

"Interacting with someone with a disability helps people first hand how disabilities can impact a person's life," Dyer said.

If you would like to learn more about disability awareness, go and visit local community groups that offer

support to disabled individuals. If you, or anyone you know, want to become more informed and knowledgeable about varying types of disabilities, put yourself in places where information is offered and where you will be forced to meet and interact with people.

If going out to local community groups seems like a bit too much for you, sit down with someone in the cafeteria and get to know them, or reach out to someone who seems to be having a rough day. It is a simple act that could mean the world to someone else. By offering to take notes for someone who needs them, or simply opening the door for someone, you are doing acts of kindness that will not go unnoticed. Little acts can go a long way. Students should be more aware of and helpful to the disabled community.

For more information, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/students/dss/>.

Go green with Green Drinks Delmarva

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

The environment is becoming one of the hottest topics around, and its bringing people of all different backgrounds together to "go green." The Delmarva community is getting involved too. The area will be host to the first Green Drinks event held on the Eastern Shore.

Green Drinks is an international grassroots organization. They meet monthly in cities all over the world for people to come together and share their concerns for the environment. Started in London in 1989, Green Drinks is now in 313 cities and over 30 countries worldwide.

What makes this group unique is its casual, laidback style. Meetings are informal and unstructured, creating a social atmosphere where people from all different areas, whether they are scientists, government workers or students, can network together and form common goals.

"A lot of the environmental groups on the peninsula are working for the same issues," said Jim Rapp, executive director of Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences. "It's funny how state lines are like brick walls, though. We want to break down those barriers."



Internet photo

don't have a lot of time to socialize," Rapp said. "We want to keep it light and fun for people to actually get to know each other on a personal level."

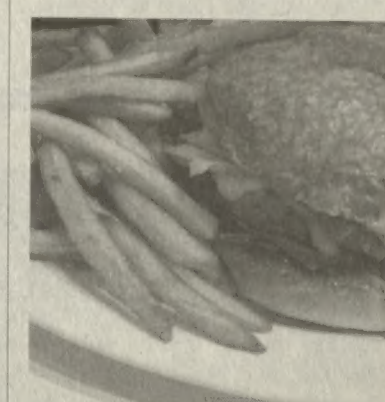
The first Green Drinks event will be held at Secrets in Ocean City on March 14 at 4 p.m. All are encouraged to come out, share a drink and make a positive impact. For more information visit: <http://www.greendrinks.org>

"We have all of these great people who work on the peninsula, but we don't have a lot of time to socialize," Rapp said. "We want to keep it light and fun for people to actually get to know each other on a personal level."

I noticed that the focal point seems to be the bar, which is located in the center of the building with booths and tables on both sides. The high-back booths located near the bar offer privacy and are reminiscent of the Market Street Inn, which was formerly owned by the entrepreneurs who opened Back Street Grill.

As I sat in the booth and was greeted by the waitress, I noticed one thing absent from a traditional dining experience. Instead of conventional menus you will find something similar to a sushi list. It offers various customizable sandwich and salad options as

Back Street Grill: casual elegance at a reasonable price



Internet photo

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

There has been quite a buzz surrounding the opening of the Back Street Grill on Snow Hill Road. I set out to see just what all the talk was about.

My first impression was that the parking is a bit of an issue. There is a front lot as well as an oddly shaped back lot. Both lots were almost completely full when we arrived Saturday afternoon. A sign is posted to not park at the businesses next door or else you will be towed.

While waiting for my food I scanned over the restaurant and noticed it seemed to be nicely decorated and very contemporary. There were also several LCD televisions for viewing sports events. One slight drawback to the experience is that no matter where you are seated, you are in very close proximity to the bar. While this could be a good thing for some, I happened to drop in during a Maryland basketball game, and it was a little noisy.

The food arrived promptly and the portions were generous. The garden burger tasted as if it was charcoal grilled and tasted delicious. The veggie pocket was served open-faced style in a pita with a variety of veggies. The beach fries were piled high and did not disappoint.

Glasses were refilled several times during the meal and the server was very polite. I was offered desert but was more than stuffed from the meal.

Over all, the Back Street Grill offers a trendy and relaxing atmosphere. While the parking may be lacking, the food and service certainly are not. If you are looking to break away from the ordinary and try something new, this is the place for you.

A brief history of President's Day

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

Truly great presidents such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln have made huge contributions to the United States of America and have enabled its citizens to consider the US the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On the third Monday in Feb., America pays tribute to those presidents who have impacted and molded our country into the most powerful country in the world; the same country that was begun by a few settlers who wanted nothing but freedom.

"Each president has left their own mark throughout history and we celebrate that day to remember those things and to be grateful for what they have done to keep our nation free," said SU history major Megan Baird regarding the importance of President's Day.

President's Day dates all the way back to 1796, the last full year of Washington's presidency, when he was commemorated for his contributions to our country. Washington, born on Feb. 22, 1732, was a great leader during the Revolutionary War and helped our country secure freedom.

Later, he helped ratify the Constitution and shortly after, the

Electoral College unanimously voted Washington the United States of America's first president. He stressed a neutral foreign policy during the war between the French and the British, and warned against long-term alliances. When he died in 1799, the country mourned for months.

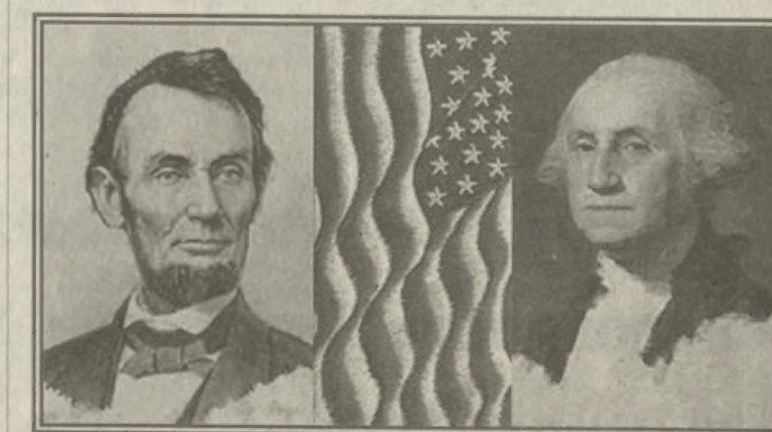
100 years after Washington's birth, in 1832, it was observed as a federal holiday with birth night balls and speeches given by prominent public figures.

If it were not for Abraham Lincoln, the country might not be "united" at all. He helped unite the Confederacy and Union after the Civil War and abolished slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

He put his country before himself despite the hardships he faced throughout his life.

Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865. His birthday was recognized first in 1866 and while it was not considered a federal holiday, many states considered it a legal holiday.

In 1968, Congress passed legislation putting all federal holidays on Mondays to allow employees three day weekends. Finally, in 1971, President Richard Nixon combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthday into what is now Presidents Day.



Internet photo

President's Day is celebrated on the third Monday in Feb. - a combination of George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays.

From the photo bank: What's happening on campus



Adrienne Price photo

SU senior Sarah Wells talks about her angry vagina at the 5th annual campus production of the *Vagina Monologues* this past weekend.



Adrienne Price photo

Matt Williams and Torrie Banks have fun decorating cookies at the GUC's Valentine's Day extravaganza last Thursday afternoon.



Leslie Pusey photo

Sammy the Seagull and future SU student Stephanie Holmes pause for a photo op last Wednesday night at the men's basketball game.

Ms. Advice

Ms. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to:

kk14480@students.salisbury.edu



"I just ended a three year relationship about a month ago. I recently started hanging out with a different guy. I met him at work and we have a lot of fun together. I'm nervous about starting something new and getting too serious too fast. I also don't want to hurt my ex. How do you know if it's too soon?"

You should embrace being single and enjoy the attention you'll get from other single guys. If things do heat up with the guy from work, you will know you are ready and have experienced being independent.

"I think my roommate is stealing clothes from me. We're really close friends and I don't know how to approach her either and I don't want to wrongfully accuse her. What should I do to avoid wrecking our friendship?"

A friend of mine was in a situation like this before and she handled it very well. She knew that her roommate had taken a pair of her favorite jeans and waited until her roommate was wearing them when they were together. She casually mentioned that she was missing them and that she was upset about it. Her roommate immediately admitted that she borrowed them without asking and had not returned them. If you know your roommate will not be as honest as this girl was, you might want to approach her differently. If you see her wearing your clothes, simply ask her about them. Say "Hey, cute shirt, do we have the same one?" Do not accuse her because she is a close friend, and approach it as an accident, like she grabbed them out of the dryer by mistake. If she still denies it and you are positive they are your clothes, then confront her more directly and be less trust worthy with her as your friend. If all else fails, you might have to make the decision whether or not to get the clothes out of her closet yourself. It will be impossible to live with someone that you are constantly questioning so it's better to be upfront and let her know you are on to her. If you approach her as a friend, more than likely she will feel bad and stop "borrowing" your things without returning them.

People Making a Difference: Katie Ryan

Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Most students have attended the numerous entertainment events made possible by the Student Organization for Activity Planning, otherwise known as SOAP, although only few know the dedication and hard work that goes into making these events possible.

Sophomore Katie Ryan is the comedy chair for the SOAP team. Among other responsibilities, Ryan is responsible for scheduling the comedians who perform at the school.

After attending the student activities fair, Ryan said she was interested in working on the concert committee. Ryan said she helped set up for the concerts and eventually applied for the SOAP concert chair position.

"When I was being interviewed for SOAP I told them I wanted to do something involving music, and that I didn't really know much about comedy or comedians," Ryan said.

Ryan said she didn't get the concert position, but they did offer her the position as comedy chair, something Ryan said she wasn't as initially interested in at the time. However, she said she decided to give the

comedy chair a shot and accepted the position. "They said they thought I was funny in the interview," she said.

Ryan said that even though it wasn't the position she originally wished for, she really enjoys working as the comedy chair. "I love it now," Ryan said. "I wouldn't trade it."

The aspect she enjoys the most about her position with SOAP is scheduling and watching the performers she brings to the school. She tries to give students what they want by scheduling comedians that she believes the students will enjoy the most.

Ryan plans on working with SOAP for the rest of her time at Salisbury. She said she was planning on studying abroad for a semester, but she wasn't willing to leave Salisbury and all the organizations that she is involved in. "I'll probably study abroad over the summer instead," Ryan said.

Ryan said SOAP events give the students a great opportunity to experience a wide variety of entertainment. "No other time in your life will you have all this entertainment at your fingertips after college," Ryan said.

SOAP advisor Jessica Mullins



Tecelia Taylor photo

said Ryan's creativity extends beyond the comedians she books for SOAP. Ryan is very involved in many other organizations at Salisbury. She is a team captain for the Relay for Life team this year, serves on the Women's History Month Committee and is an officer for the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Mullins said Katie Ryan is an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic member of the SOAP team. "From the moment we hired her last spring we knew there was something special about Katie Ryan," Mullins said. "Katie is always in the office with a smile on her face and new ideas in her head."

"Katie volunteered by working our concerts last year and has turned into a student activities superstar," Mullins said.

HEALTH COLUMN The possible dangers of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS)

By Sarah Brinton
Staff Writer

If you are enjoying a refreshing beverage other than water at this very moment, it probably contains a sugar substance known as high fructose corn syrup (HFCS). Numerous studies indicate this sugar substitute can cause obesity, diabetes and tooth decay.

HFCS is corn syrup that is processed to increase fructose content and then mixed with pure corn syrup. HFCS provides the same sweetness intensity as real sugar cane, according to the Corn Refiners Association. The grams of sugar indicated on a nutrition label do not include the HFCS mentioned in the ingredients list. Therefore, diabetics may not realize their sugar intake from a HFCS product.

The Corn Refiners Association argues that HFCS offers sweetness, flavor enhancement, freshness, soft texture, browning, stability, pourability and fermentability. Since 1983, the Food and Drug Administration "generally recognized HFCS as safe."

Although a direct link to health risks has not been found, studies indicate when HFCS consumption increases, so do obesity and diabetes. Any dentist will tell you to cut back on sodas, which contain high levels of HFCS, to prevent tooth decay.

A 2007 study by Chi-Tang Ho, Ph.D., a food science professor at Rutgers University, conducted chemical tests with 11 different soft drinks that contained HFCS. It resulted in "astonishingly high" levels of reactive carbonyls, believed to cause tissue damage. This is not found in table sugar. Ho alleges that a single can of soda contains about five times the amount of reactive carbonyls than the concentration found in an adult diabetic's blood.

Mathias Tschop, MD, associate professor at the University of Cincinnati psychiatry department and a member of the Obesity Research Center, said, "Consuming fructose appears to affect metabolic rate in a way that favors fat storage." Dr. Tschop's lab performed a study with mice that showed weight gain in the mice that consumed fructose water over the mice that did not. Strangely, the mice that drank the fructose water ate less than the other mice. These and other studies prove there is a link to HFCS, obesity and diabetes.

Nutritionists recommend no more than 10 to 12 teaspoons of added sugar a day. Americans today consume close to 35 teaspoons daily. A single 12 ounce can of soda contains the equivalent of 13 teaspoons of sugar in the form of HFCS.

Check your nutrition labels. In addition to calories, fat and carbs, check sugar content and limit the amount of sodas in your diet. Here's to a healthy SU!

Club Spotlight



By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

Attention all business majors interested in making a name for yourselves! The SU chapter of American Marketing Association (AMA), the international collegiate organization of marketing students, wants you! As one of the leading professional student organizations in the nation, the AMA offers students a vital opportunity to get a jump start on their careers and gain important hands-on experience in the field of marketing.

The AMA is open to students of all majors who wish to gain more knowledge and experience in the field of marketing. With over 40 active members, the AMA is looking forward to a big semester filled with lots of activities and big events. The organization holds regular exciting activities, such as a fundraiser at the Monkey Barrel, an upcoming bowling social and tour

of the Dogfish Head brewery. The AMA presents countless opportunities to get involved and network while simultaneously having a great time.

Even though they've missed Mardi Gras, the annual International Conference in New Orleans promises to be a great experience for the lucky 20 SU members who get to attend. With members from all around the nation, as well as students and professionals from Guam and Puerto Rico, it's an event that no member wants to miss, and nonmembers wish they could partake in.

National conferences and fundraisers aren't the whole experience, though. Like any organization, the AMA takes it's philanthropic and civic duty seriously. An active participant in the Adopt-A-Road program, sponsored by the state of Maryland, the AMA works hard to keep the city of Salisbury clean, doing their part in the fight against pollution. They also do free advertising for the Salisbury

Zoo.

Fun and games isn't all the AMA is for, though; there is serious work too. Holding meetings every other Thursday in Holloway Hall, there is always work to do, business to discuss, and speakers to see and hear. Once a month, the AMA hosts a speaker, a professional who comes in and talks about their experiences and how they use marketing in their jobs in the real world. Last semester brought a guest speaker from AFLAC insurance and from Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The speakers typically talk about their jobs, experiences, amusing anecdotes and explain to students their various available internship programs and opportunities.

The next meeting of the American Marketing Association will be held on Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall, room 114. All students are welcome to attend and join. For more information on the AMA, visit their Web site at: <http://orgs.salisbury.edu/ama/>.

Weekly Greek News Panellenic Formal Recruiting comes to an end

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon, if you were anywhere near Fireside Lounge, you were sure to hear many girls singing traditional songs and clapping for one another. As girls were escorted individually into Fireside, the Rho Chi announced which sorority they had been matched up with and the excitement brought a few girls to tears.

That is because on Saturday, Feb. 16, Panellenic Formal Recruitment came to an end. A total of 78 girls had come out for Panellenic Recruitment, each with hopes of being matched to one of Salisbury's sororities. This is double the amount of girls that came out for recruitment last year.

"I am really proud of the hard work that the Panellenic Executive Board and Rho Chi did. The hard work that we all put into this is why our numbers doubled this year. We have all been working on this since May," said Jennifer Hackett, president of

Panellenic. "I am so thankful for the help that the executive board and John Stout gave. They made my job so easy."

Recruitment lasted four nights, each with a different theme including information night, philanthropy night, ski night and preference night. As the week went on, girls were invited back to certain "parties" and they decided which parties they wanted to continue to attend. "My favorite night is philanthropy night," said Nicole Sunderlin, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "I love showing all of the potential new members the great things that we do around the community."

In the end, each organization gained between 10-14 girls, which is a great turn out compared to past years. In total, 50 girls were matched with a sorority. The cumulative G.P.A. of new mem-



Lindsey Dickinson photo

50 girls were matched with a sorority in this year's Panellenic Formal Recruitment.

bers is a 3.1, also an improvement from past years.

"I am so excited for these girls," Hackett said. "I know that they will do great things for each chapter and I was thrilled to be a part of their recruitment process. I am sad that it is over because it was really an exciting experience."

Some sororities who did not make quota will have a continuous open bidding now; however if you are interested in joining a sorority, informal recruitment will be held in the fall.

In recognition of Black History Month, The Flyer would like to celebrate the life and achievements of W.E.B. DuBois: A man of change

By Kristin Hawkins
Staff Writer

Black History Month is a time to reflect on those of the African-American race who have made a difference. People hear and learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, but have you heard of W.E.B. DuBois?

William Edward Burghardt DuBois was born on Feb. 23, 1868, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In high school, DuBois developed an interest in the development and advancement of his race. At age 15, DuBois became a writer for the *New York Globe*, using his position to publish editorials that advocated his beliefs. As the only African American in his class of 12, DuBois graduated Valedictorian at the age of 16.

Great Barrington had a very small number of black residents, causing there to be little over racism and leaving DuBois largely ignorant of the rampant racism occurring in other parts of the United States. He began his college education at Fisk University in Tennessee. At Fisk, DuBois had his first real taste of

southern racism. During his three years at Fisk, DuBois continued to learn more about his people and their plight. Advancement of the black race went from being an interest to a goal for DuBois.

DuBois was granted a scholarship, attended Harvard University, and completed his degree in 1890 followed by his Master's in 1891. After earning his Master's, DuBois was offered the opportunity to study at the University of Berlin in Germany. He studied there for two years before returning to Harvard. In 1895, DuBois became the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

After completing his academic work, DuBois worked at several different schools including Wilberforce, the University of Philadelphia and Atlanta University. DuBois taught economics and history in addition to his exhaustive research of the economic and social conditions of the urban black community.

It was in 1903 that one of DuBois' most famed works was published. *The Souls of Black Folk* compiled essays and DuBois' opinions about the

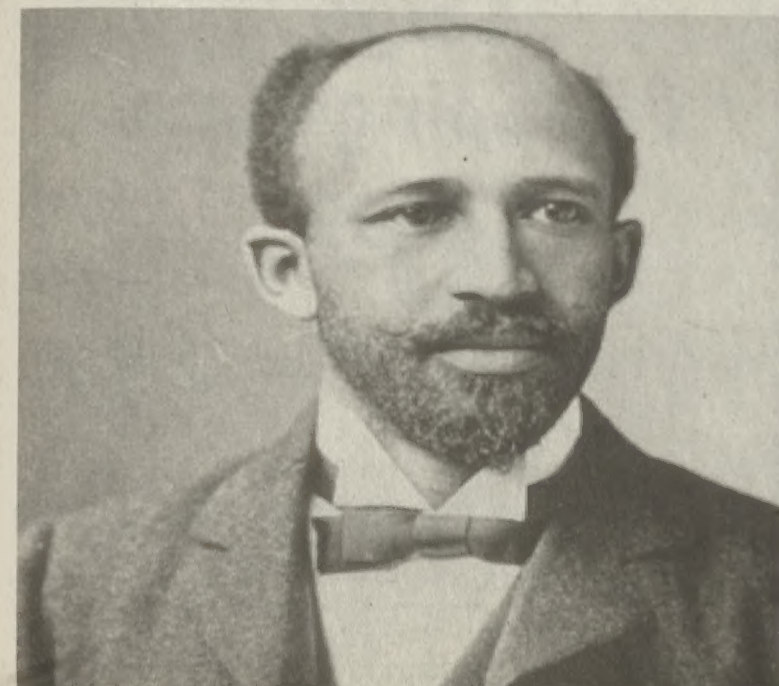
African American condition: having to be both African and American. It was here that DuBois made one of his most famous observations, an observation that would forever change the interpretation of African American lives and the meaning behind their art, music, and literature.

In the book, DuBois coined the term "double consciousness" and defined it as such: "One ever feels his twoness—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

His own education caused DuBois to be a worthy adversary of then leading black rights activist Booker T. Washington. Unlike Washington, DuBois thought that blacks should have the right to vote, instead of automatically earning it like Washington suggested. DuBois advocated education over trade school and created the theory of the "talented tenth." These were the top 10 percent of the African American population, both educated and advantaged. The "top tenth" would become the leadership in the movement to advance blacks.

In 1905, DuBois assembled his "talented tenth" at the Niagara Conference. This conference laid the foundation for the development of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). DuBois was the Director of research and publicity for the organization. He was also the editor-in-chief of *Crisis* magazine, which was the main vehicle for distributing the group's policy and other news concerning African Americans. Due to conflicts in opinion, DuBois resigned from the NAACP in 1933, and returned to Atlanta University. Disgusted with the policy in the United States, DuBois became an expatriate and moved to Ghana where he lived until his death on Aug. 27, 1963.

DuBois was a sociologist, rights advocate, writer and educator that made an impact on America and black culture that is still being felt today.



Internet photo

W.E.B. DuBois (shown above) laid the foundation for the development of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Housing opportunities offered at Renter's Fair

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer



Internet photo

It may seem like the spring semester just started, but the time has come to think about housing for next year. Many students have already begun the process of signing leases for University Park and University Village. For students who are hoping to move off campus, a Renter's Fair was held last week to showcase some local properties. Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 12 and 13, rental agencies lined the Link of Nations from 3-7 p.m.

"There are 13 different rental agencies from Salisbury and Fruitland attending, and they own properties that range from apartments to townhouses to houses," said Patrick Gotham, Vice President of External Affairs for the SGA. "The properties are all relatively close to campus with a majority of the properties within 1.5 miles of campus."

The SGA encouraged all students who are even thinking about moving off campus to stop by the fair and check out what the rental agencies had to offer. "Any student looking to move off campus or find a new place to live if the student already lives off campus

would benefit from this fair," Gotham said.

The fair did not require any commitments from prospective renters but for those who were further along in the search, the beginnings of a lease agreement could be put together. The fair further enticed students to stop by offering the chance to win a gift certificate to the bookstore.

For students who missed the fair, SU offers help with the moving process on their Web site. A list of realtors can be found on the school's page along with an

off campus housing pamphlet and a renter's information section. This area covers general information from the tenant's and landlord's rights to signing the lease up until actual move in day.

Those who are looking to fill their off-campus house with a few new faces can utilize the "Students Looking for Roommates" bulletin board located on the first floor of the Guerrieri University Center. The forms to post on this board can be found at the Guerrieri University Information Desk.

Job and internship fair to offer advice for success

By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again! Students are starting to think about plans for the summer and are weighing their job options. Students have to decide between a summer of fun, working at the beach, traveling, increasing their professional experience with an internship, or for the recent graduates, a real career job. Luckily, Career Services has set up a job and internship fair on Feb. 26 from Noon-4 p.m. to help students look for and gain employment. The fair will be located in the Wicomico Room and in Nantuxco Rooms A, B and C of Guerrieri University Center.

Over 90 employers will be present, ranging from large business corporations to small local business. "Your goal for a job/internship fair should be to get as many interviews set up as possible," said Russell Endicott, Career Services Associate Director.

Come prepared! It is important to go to the Career Services Web

site and look over the companies who will be present. Prepare a "mini commercial" for companies that you are interested in, so you can show potential employers you know a lot about their company and give off a good first impression. It is imperative to dress professionally; you should wear something that you feel confident in. For guys this should be a nicely tailored and ironed suit. For ladies, a pants or skirt suit with stockings and conservative shoes works well. Little jewelry and nothing with a scent should be worn. Students tend to forget that representatives at job fairs "have the ability to decide if you will receive an interview with their company," Endicott said.

When going to a job/internship fair it is important to take advantage of talking to as many potential employers as possible. "You should take advantage of the opportunity that you have because, never again will students graduating in May have the opportunity to have this many potential employers in the same spot," Endicott said.

For more information on the upcoming job and internship fair, visit Career Services Web site: <http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices/JobFairIndex.html>.

Commons hosts Black History Month dinner

By Lindsay Sappington
Staff Writer

Celebrating hundreds of years of heritage, Multicultural Club's African American History Month meal gathered students, families and friends in The Bistro last Wednesday night for a savory meal.

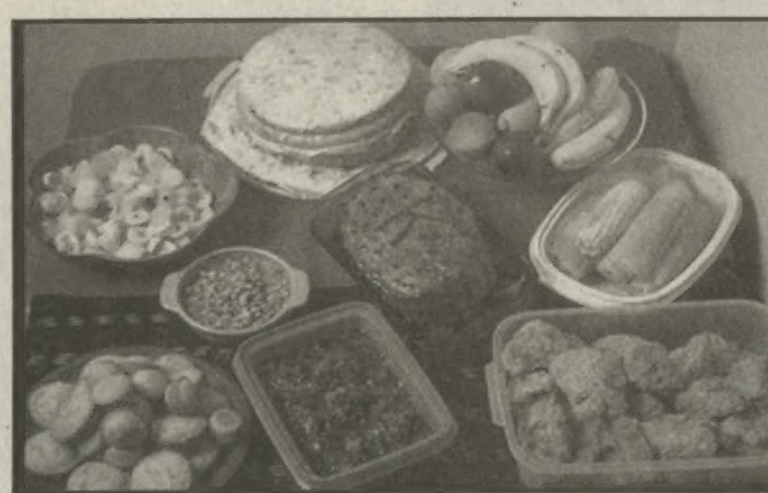
If you were in The Commons between 5 and 7 p.m., the smells of a different variety of foods greeted you at the door. Walking in, the Marketplace was almost empty and The Bistro was full of people, ranging from all ages. Around the buffet, plates were piled high with an assortment of delicious food and desserts. Menu items ranging from fried chicken, cornbread and pigs feet to sweet potato pie and peach cobbler had lines gathered out the door of the dining hall.

Commemorated all over the country, people from all over the Salisbury area came together in honor of Black History Month. Softly playing in the background of the Bistro, The Bernard Sweetney Jazz Quartet accompanied the meal with their music.

Celebrating Black History Month means recognizing the people

throughout history whose influence has made America what it is today. In acknowledgement of these monumental leaders, fliers decorated the walls of the eatery. Langston Hughes, Carter G. Woodson and Muhammad Ali were just some of the familiar faces honored at the dinner.

For some, this special African American thanksgiving meant a memorial to those who gave their lives for human rights. For others, simply being able to get out of the house and have such a good meal



Internet photo

The Commons offered a variety of foods at the Black History Month dinner, including fried chicken, pigs feet and peach cobbler.

Little Caesars®

HOT-N-READY® PIZZA

LARGE PIZZA PEPPERONI -or- CHEESE \$5.00

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

HOT-N-READY® CRAZY COMBO.

CRAZY BREAD, 8 PIECE ORDER, CRAZY SAUCE.

\$1.99

CARRY OUT PLUS TAX

CAESAR WINGS.

TRY A TASTY ORDER OF OUR CHICKEN WINGS 10 DELICIOUS PIECES!

\$4.99

CARRY OUT PLUS TAX

Salisbury Little Caesars Claimant Center

Next to SU

1014 S Salisbury Blvd

546 3900

Mack's Bayside Bar and Grill

410.723.5565

Located 54th St. & Bayside behind Chauncey's Surf-O-Rama

Looking for energetic, outgoing, and eager employees who want to work in an upbeat, fun atmosphere!

Holding open interviews every Saturday and Sunday 11am - 2pm. Accepting applications for the following positions: servers, busboys, hostesses, food runners, door staff & kitchen staff

BE PART OF THE BEST STAFF IN OC!

If God gave every-one a sense of right and wrong, how could such a God given gift vanish if a person simply did not believe in God?

It just doesn't make any sense.

Special note To the occasional believer who stumbles across this site, "Come on now you cannot seriously believe that the intervention of a God was needed for us to feel love?

Find out more at www.delmarvahumanist.org

The Flyer's Vocab Word of the Week

ennui \on-wee\, noun:
A feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction arising from lack of interest; boredom.

For example:

He was ashamed and unhappy, adrift with a senseless ennui.

ADVERTISE
THE FLYER

Advertise with
The Flyer and
grab the attention
of over 7,500
students, plus
faculty and staff.

Get your business
RECOGNIZED
ADVERTISE!

call 410-543-0102 for details

OOPS BOX

Corrections 2/12 issue

*[More changes for the SU campus]

"Carruthers Hall is scheduled for a renovation in the early summer of 2008 in preparation for the Perdue School's move into the building in mid August, 2008. In the Summer of 2011 the Perdue School is scheduled to move out of Carruthers Hall and into their new 112,800 sq. ft. \$50+ million building befitting of the school's growth and reputation. Carruthers Hall is scheduled for demolition in the fall of 2011."

Corrections Submitted by:
Richard C. Hoffman, Ph.D.
Interim Dean and
Professor of Management
Perdue School of Business
rchoffman@salisbury.edu

The Flyer recognizes the
major grammatical errors
in the first issue. Sorry.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 22nd @
the Mainlake Cafe**
(upstairs and across from
Brew River):
**HUMAN HOST
BOATS TO TANGIER
& CEC**

Doors at 7pm
ALL AGES! ONLY \$5

Salsaritas

Fresh Cantina

Serving:
Burritos Nachos Quesadillas Tacos Salads
Choose from Grilled Chicken, Grilled Steak
Shredded Beef, Pork or Shrimp

Show a SU student i.d.
and receive 10% off!

Open 11am - 9pm Mon - Sun.

Located in the Superfresh shopping
center at 119 W college Ave

Large Deal
261A Canal Park Dr.
Large
1-Topping Pizza
\$6⁹⁹ Plus Tax
410-742-6900



Now Leasing
**STUDENT
RENTALS**
3,4,5 Bedrooms
Houses are
Available in
Salisbury &
Fruitland
443-880-0274
Long Rental
Properties

A New Twist

Now Available! **Soft Pretzels \$1.40**

new! PIZZA

8" CHEESE PIZZA \$4.99

8" PEPPERONI PIZZA \$5.99

new! NACHOS

NACHOS WITH CHEESE \$1.99

NACHOS WITH CHILI & CHEESE \$2.99

SPORTS

Volume 35 Issue 14

February 19, 2008

Running into the record books

By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

The Sea Gull track team ran their way into the school's record books on Feb. 2 at the Vince Brown Invitational at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. Three records were broken at the meet. Some of these records had lasted as brief as seven days or as long as seven years.

The first of these records, the 400 meter dash, was broken by senior sprinter Colton Vander Vliet with a time of 52.03. The new record edged the previous mark, 52.09, set on Jan. 26, by fellow senior sprinter and rival Sam Singleton. "We always try our hardest," Vander Vliet said. "We push each other to become better." Although he realizes that there is competition between him and Singleton, Vander Vliet remains modest at best. "It is just a record; it doesn't mean as much. I just want to improve," he said. "You're only as good as your last performance and the week before at the Thomas Invitational at the University of Delaware I ran poor."

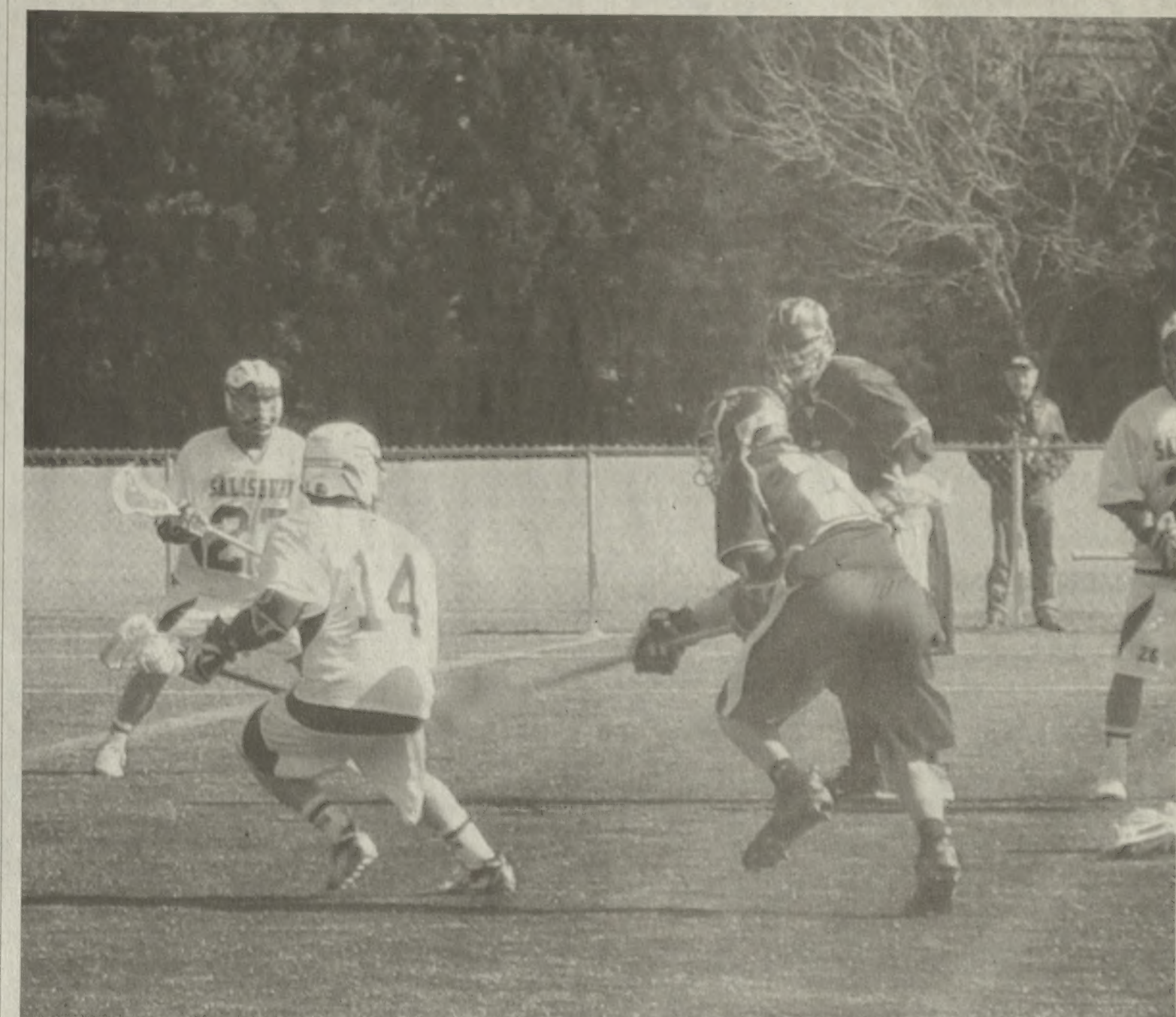
The second of these records, the 55 meter dash, a record that stood for four years, was broken by sophomore sprinter Justin Acker. Acker edged the previous mark of 6.62 with a time of 6.60.

The third of these records was the 3,000 meter run, a record that stood for seven years, which was broken by junior distance runner Kelly Sullivan. Sullivan shattered the previous mark of 11:00.29 with a time of 10:54.72. Sullivan currently holds the 5,000 m record with a time of 18:53.03.

Coach Jim Jones marveled at the history that took place at the competition. "It shows our program has continued to rise at a higher level each and every year," he said. "We've only had a few weeks of practice so far. It's a testament to the focus, work ethic and dedication of the student athletes we have."

Even though he is proud of his runners' achievements, Coach Jones and his runners are looking towards an even greater achievement, a conference championship. "Records will be broken but championships last forever," Jones said.

Men's lacrosse starts off strong in season opener



Andrew Baker photo

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's lacrosse team opened their season Saturday against Virginia Wesleyan. The fans packed into Sea Gull stadium wearing maroon and gold, supporting their defending national championship lacrosse team. Before the start of the game all the fans in attendance were given red and black ribbons and participated in a moment of silence to show support for those involved in the Northern Illinois University tragedy.

The Gulls started the game with senior attackers Matt Hickman and Greg Titus, junior midfielders Kaylor Berkman and Patrick Bonanno, senior midfielders Ryan Brown and Ryan Browning, sophomore midfielder Connor Burgasser, senior defender Ben

Sandlin, junior defender Kevin Maynard and junior goalie Riley Clark.

Hickman posted the first goal for Salisbury within the first 37 seconds of the game. Titus finished the first quarter with another Salisbury goal in the last 38 seconds, helping SU jump out in front of Virginia Wesleyan 5-0. Virginia Wesleyan attempted to battle back by scoring their first three goals in the second quarter. Junior goalies Mike Petti and Zach Krissoff discussed the beginning of the game at half-time. "This team always plays hard so we have to play even harder," Petti said.

In the first three minutes of the second half Berkman scored his first goal, giving the Sea Gulls an 11-3 lead. The Marlins came out in the third quarter looking for vengeance and scored their fourth, fifth and sixth goals. The fourth

quarter did not offer as much action as the earlier half of the game but saw the Sea Gulls adding five more goals to their already large lead. With 6:30 left in the game, goalie Krissoff was sent in to play, followed by Petti who entered the game with 1:23 left on the clock. Junior goalie Nick Fiorentino was sent to goal for the Gulls with 40 seconds left in the game. In the last 2.6 seconds of the game Virginia Wesleyan scored their final goal. The Gulls went on to defeat the Marlins 20-7.

Hickman, Bonanno, Berkman and Von Kamecke all scored three goals in the 20-7 victory. Titus and senior Kyle Burton each added two goals. Seniors Mike Lennon and Bruce Richardson each contributed a goal apiece to the Gulls' offense. Sophomore Ryan Finch and freshman Dean Rossie scored the other two goals for the defending national champions. Hickman and Von Kamecke led the team in assists with two apiece. Finish, Burton, Titus and Kevin Cusston all added assists.

Head Coach Jim Berkman was honored on the field at the end of the game for reaching the 300 win plateau. Coach Berkman boasts a 300-30 record in his 20 seasons at Salisbury. Berkman holds a 90.1 career winning percentage which marks the highest winning percentage of any lacrosse coach in any division. Berkman is 18 wins away from passing retired Army coach Jack Emmer's mark of 326 for most career wins all-time. Berkman and Emmer are the only two lacrosse coaches to pass the 300 win mark.

The Sea Gulls host Lynchburg next Saturday, Feb. 23 at noon in Sea Gull Stadium and will look to start their season 2-0.

Salisbury tennis has high hopes for 2008

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's and women's tennis teams began the season at the Sea Gull open last weekend at the indoor Tennis Center.

"As far as the Capital Athletic Conference we're a heavy favorite for second and I hope first over Mary Washington," said Randy Halfpapp, the men's and women's head coach. "We're a lot better than we were last season and we're going to battle."

The Sea Gulls ended last season with an impressive 17-7 record to secure second place behind nationally ranked Capital Athletic Conference rival University of Mary Washington. The Gulls finished tenth in the Atlantic South region while singles leader Matt Nicholson finished fourteenth despite a season-ending injury.

"We don't have all the inexperience we had last year," Halfpapp said. "We're still a relatively young team, but we've grown and are ready this season. The tournament isn't until April so we got a lot of time to prepare."

Brendan Kincaid, the only senior on a young team, has provided the leadership and knowledge for his underclassmen to achieve that readiness. Kincaid went a combined 18-4 in doubles last year with three different partners and narrowly missed a trip to nationals. He was named first-team all-CAC honors along with Nicholson for the top doubles pair in the conference and was all-CAC second team as the No. 2 rated singles player. He ended the year ranked twenty-second in singles and fifth in the region in doubles.

Last year's team MVP, Evan Thomas, returns for his sophomore year after a stellar freshman performance. He went 21-2 while being rated the No. 3 and No. 4 singles player at different times. Thomas was named to CAC first-team singles and doubles with partner and fellow sophomore Scott Burtzloff.

Burtzloff posted a 17-5 record in singles and a 19-3 mark in doubles. In the CAC championship against UMW, he defeated a nationally-ranked opponent in singles and then teamed with Kincaid in a No. 1 doubles triumph. Like most of the Gulls, Burtzloff is anxiously optimistic about next season.

Two games with one theme: cancer awareness

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team took on Gallaudet University on Wednesday night at Maggs Center.

The lady Gulls defeated Gallaudet in a 49-35 victory. The Sea Gulls (9-13, 6-7 CAC) controlled the game, forcing the Bisons to commit 25 turnovers while giving up a season low in points - 35. Going into the second half the lady Gulls held a 37-18 lead over the Bisons. Junior Lindsey Martin led the maroon and gold with 10 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists. The Sea Gull's bench contributed 26 points in the win led by sophomore Shaniece Roseborough (eight points), junior Marissa Manzo (six points and eight rebounds) and freshman Lauren Crehan who added seven points. The Gulls held their largest lead of the game, 22 points, with less than five minutes remaining. Brittany Payne led Gallaudet with 14 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Their loss to the Gulls marks their fifth straight loss. Wednesday's game fell on Coaches vs. Cancer night and the theme continued on Saturday with the "Think Pink" game versus Villa Julie to support

breast cancer awareness, concluding their regular season home schedule.

Fans were encouraged to wear pink to the game to show their support for breast cancer awareness. The support showed through with an attendance of 325 with almost every person wearing pink. Eight attending breast cancer survivors were honored at halftime and the proceeds received through ticket sales were donated to Women Supporting Women. Over 700 women's college basketball teams participated in this year's "Think Pink" theme, doubling last year's amount. Ribbons and pamphlets were given out at the game. Displays were set up at the Maggs entrance and were accompanied by women who wanted to raise awareness about the disease. Wicomico County had the highest number of women with breast cancer in Maryland in 2006 and in 2007.

The Gulls also honored lone senior Christina Klamp during Senior Day at Maggs Center. Klamp was honored before the game and given gifts from her fellow teammates who are sad to see her leave this year.

The Sea Gulls dominated Villa Julie from beginning to end with a strong defense and a solid offense,

defeating them 68-51. The Gulls jumped out to an early 16-8 lead and followed it up with a 20-0 run midway through the first half. Junior Monica Merkel lead the Gulls' attack with 19 points, five rebounds and one assist. Martin and Roseborough both added 13 points apiece. Roseborough also held game highs in steals (six) and assists (five). The Gulls' strong defense helped them to a 46-16 halftime lead over the visiting Mustangs. The Gulls' defense was relentless, causing the Mustangs to commit 22 turnovers. The Gulls turned the 22 Mustang turnovers into 26 points. The Mustangs appeared frustrated from the beginning and struggled to keep up with the Gulls throughout the entire game. Ashley Burrell led the way for the Mustangs with 15 points and six rebounds while Kristen Steiner added 11 points and five rebounds.

The Gulls turned the 22 Mustang turnovers into 26 points. The Sea Gulls dominated bench play outscoring Villa Julie 21-8.

The Salisbury women's basketball team will close out their regular season on the road against Marymount University on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and will travel to Hood College on Saturday Feb. 23.



Adrienne Price photo

SU men's basketball in three-way tie for final CAC playoff spot



Sarah Wright photo

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's basketball team finished their home schedule off strong with back-to-back wins in Maggs

Center this week. The Sea Gulls won the first of their two game home stand by defeating Gallaudet on Wednesday night.

The Sea Gulls (5-17, 3-10 CAC) outplayed conference foe Gallaudet (6-17, 4-10 CAC) before

a crowd of 271. Junior Sean Whittaker led the way scoring a career-high 22 points in his first start this month. Trailing by three with 6:14 left in the first half, the Gulls put together a 17-3 run to end the half behind a barrage of three pointers from junior Wesley Sweet and senior Gary Ward. Ward finished the game with 20 points and six steals while going six for 14 from behind the arc. Aided by stingy defense, the Gulls went into the locker room up 42-31. The Gulls were powered by the fierce play of senior Todd Ostrom, who finished with 12 of Salisbury's 18 bench points. Senior Jonas Vaitkus pulled in a team high, nine rebounds, as the Gulls went on to win 88-75.

SU suited up on Saturday afternoon for their final home game of the season against Villa Julie. The Gulls' three senior starters came up big on Senior Day. Ostrom finished with six points and four rebounds. Ward added 22 points and 10 rebounds and Vaitkus finished with a team high: 23 points. SU dominated the inside, scoring 26 points in the paint while out-rebounding the Mustangs 40-28. Villa Julie was able to remain close going into the half down eight, 30-22. Villa Julie sophomore Gregory

Woody, who finished with a game high 28 points, helped lead an 8-1 run helping the Mustangs grab their first lead of the game at 47-45. Brandon Abney and Sean Whittaker, who combined for 22 points, helped lead the charge as the Gulls recorded their second highest shooting percentage in the second half this season, 65.4 percent. The Gulls defeated the Mustangs 79-72 and find themselves in a three way tie for the eighth and final CAC playoff spot.

The day also embraced the nationwide "Think Pink" theme in support of breast cancer awareness. From pink pom-poms to pink t-shirts and ribbons, everyone in attendance was in full support of the cause. The night held a special meaning for Head Coach Steve Holmes who has lost several family members to cancer. "Anything to support cancer...even if it means I have to wear pink," Holmes said.

Holmes roamed the sidelines wearing a bright pink tie. The Sea Gulls' postseason hopes are still alive as they finish the regular season with two road games against conference rivals. The Gulls travel to Marymount on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and to Hood College on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Student Athlete Spotlight Jonas Vaitkus

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

Jonas Vaitkus is a 6'4", 200 pound senior captain on the Salisbury University men's basketball team. Vaitkus has been given the nickname "Jonasty" for his tough and aggressive play on the court. He has been leading the way for the Sea Gulls in their efforts to turn around their season. He leads the team in rebounding (126) blocks (11), and is shooting a team high .545 percent from the field. The Sea Gulls can guarantee themselves a spot in the conference playoffs with wins over Marymount University on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and Hood College on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Do you have any goals for the rest of the season?

We want to finish strong as a team. Any chance to play at home is an advantage to keep playing.

What about after college, what do you plan on doing?

I would like to go to veterinarian school.

When did you start playing basketball?

I was in the third grade. I wasn't always the best but I knew I was bigger and I had a string of good coaches along the way which helped me out a lot.

Who do you model your game after or admire as a basketball player?

I compare my game to Elton Brand. Were both soft spoken undersized big men and he uses his skill set really well.

Was it tough not playing much early in your career?

Yes it was real tough. Every time I felt like I was close to getting more minutes I would get hurt. I have injured my ankles, my shoulder and my elbow. Now I'm finally healthy, knock on wood.

What's your favorite highlight in college?

I got my first dunk in college against Marymount this year on a fast break. I stole the ball and went right by their point guard for the slam.



Telecia Taylor photo

Pro Bowlers honor Sean Taylor

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

At the start of the 2008 Pro Bowl, the NFC defense took the field with only one safety deep, a play straight out of the Redskins' playbook, as they honored the late Sean Taylor. Taylor's whole family was in attendance to see the all-star tribute. Washington owner Daniel Snyder had paid for the family to spend the week in Hawaii and attend the Pro Bowl.

Redskins' pro bowlers Chris Cooley, Chris Samuels and long snapper Ethan Albright all wore Taylor's No. 21 jersey in his honor. The three were chosen as captains and represented the NFC during the coin flip. The jerseys were auctioned off to benefit the Sean Taylor Memorial Trust Fund, a fund established for Taylor's daughter, Jackie. The usually meaningless exhibition meant a little bit more this time. The NFC won 42-30 behind a 17-yard Cooley touchdown reception at the

end of the first half.

Taylor's presence was everywhere. Jerseys and memorials filled the stands as every helmet had a 21 decal placed on the back. Players remembered and talked about Taylor's infamous hit on Bills punter Brian Moorman. Plays like that help remind us of how great an athlete and player he was. It is a sad thing that Taylor's name has been added to a list of NFL players whose lives have been cut short.

Taylor was often criticized for his behavior off the field. When asked, Taylor often insisted he did not care what others said because he was enjoying his life and was taking advantage of the opportunities presented to him. Taylor proved that an individual with a reputation and a troubled past can change and mature into a respectable hard-working adult. The



Internet photo

death of Sean Taylor also reminds us how precious and important life is. He left it all on the field and played every game as if he would never play again. Taylor is a good example of how important it is to live everyday likes it is the last. God bless Sean Taylor, there will never be anyone quite like him ever again.

No Previous Certification or Experience Required



Ocean City Beach Patrol

*All Training is Provided and
We Pay While You Learn !*

\$14.14 /hr

Surf Rescue Technician (Lifeguard) Step 1 *

TEST SCHEDULE

2-24-08 Salisbury Univ. 11 am
3-01-08 Anne Arundel Comm. College 9am
3-02-08 Ocean Pines 10 am
3-16-08 York College of PA 11 am
4-12-08 Univ. of Del. 11am
4-13-08 Salisbury YMCA 11am
May 2008 OC Tests - check website
June 2008 OC Tests - check website

Local Testing Begins Sunday February 24, 2008 in Salisbury

For a complete schedule of testing opportunities and additional information, visit our website www.ococean.com/ocbp or Visit us at the Ocean City Job Fair on March 1st.

* Surf Rescue Academy/probationary pay = \$12.99/hr.

Keep your feet in the sand,
until the lifeguard's in the stand!

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is an equal opportunity employer

www.ococean.com/ocbp

★ Sea Gulls ★

★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★

Swimming

The Salisbury University swim team competed in the CAC swimming championships this weekend at St. Mary's College. The SU men's team set four school records in their first five events on Friday. Senior Cole Mangum set a new record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.43 while finishing third overall. Sophomore Mike Ferrari added his name to the record books setting a new record in the 200 IM

with a time of 2:00.98 after grabbing a fourth place finish. The Sea Gulls men's relay teams set two school records on Friday. Drew Robichaud, Ferrari, Benjamin Overholt, and Mangum set the 400-medley relay record with a 3:42.52 while the team of Ross Spangler, Mangum, Brad Buckley, and Overholt set a new mark in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:27.53. As a team the Gulls sat in fourth place after day one.

Ferrari broke the school record in

the 100-yard breaststroke Saturday with a time of 59.92. The SU women's 800 free relay team of Laura Kordzikowski, Angie Hammond, Maureen Gillespie, and Raienne South grabbed third with a time of 8:24.99. The Gulls finished day two with a combined six top five finishes ending the day six points shy of third place Marymount University with a total of 291 points. Championships concluded Sunday evening.

★ Sea Gulls ★

★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-2/19	Wednesday-2/20	Thursday-2/21	Friday-2/22	Saturday-2/23	Sunday- 2/24	Monday- 2/25
Women's Lacrosse vs Christopher Newport 3:00 PM	Women's Basketball vs Marymount (VA) 6:00 PM Men's Basketball vs Marymount (VA) 8:00 PM		Baseball vs Eastern 2:30 PM	Track & Field Mason-Dixon Indoor Track & Field Championships 9 AM @ CNU, Newport News, VA. Baseball vs Staten Island Noon Doubleheader Men's Lacrosse vs Lynchburg 12:00 PM		